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## Dear Primary Friends,

These Sabbath School lessons have been written especially for you by people who care very much about you. They want you to know more about God and His love for you and your family. And that's what God wants too. He wants you to know that He loves you very much. And Jesus wants to be your special, forever friend. He wants you to know Him, to know all about Him. He wants you to be His friend too.

As you learn more about God's love in these lessons, think about ways you can show your love to Him. Can you sing a song of praise to Him? Can you tell Him in your prayers how wonderful He is? Can you show His love to others in your family? To your friends and neighbors?

We pray that God will always have a special place in your heart.

The General Conference Sabbath School Department

### **Lessons one through four are about being active in God's family.**

- God wants me in His family, even when I fail Him.
- The Holy Spirit helps us enjoy worshiping with others.
- I invite others to join God's family by sharing His love.
- God hears and answers our prayers according to what is best for us.

### **Lessons five through nine teach us that God's presence is with us.**

- We worship God when we thank Him for creating our world.
- We praise God for creating us.
- We worship God when we enjoy His Sabbath.
- We honor God when we live peacefully with others.
- We become friends with God when we spend time with Him every day.



### **Lessons ten through thirteen are about experiencing God's grace.**

- Jesus loves us so much that He wants us to live with Him forever.
- Jesus wants us to live with Him forever in a happy, safe place.
- God has prepared wonderful things for us to enjoy throughout eternity.
- We will sing songs of praise to God now and throughout eternity.



# A Message to Parents

Dear Friend,

All *Primary Bible Study Guides* offer opportunities to help your child learn to use the Bible and to know that what is studied comes from God's Word. These exciting Bible lessons link God's amazing grace to your child's everyday life. However, they need YOU to make them come to life in your home, reinforcing the lesson already presented in Sabbath School. Plan now to make time for daily study with your child. During your family worship time, read the lessons together and share the fun of doing the Bible-based activities.

The entire *GraceLink* curriculum is developed around four important concepts—Grace, Worship, Community, and Service—all critical to Christian growth. Simply put, these dynamics teach the following: Grace, Jesus loves me; Worship, I love Jesus; Community, we love each other; and Service, Jesus loves you too. Each month, emphasis is placed on one of these dynamics, but Grace is the thread that runs through every lesson and knits them together to form a complete whole.

May God continue to bless you as you, and your child, learn more about Him.



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# 1 Lesson

## Still Part of God's Family

Matthew 26:31-35, 69-75; Mark 14:27-31, 66-72; Luke 22:24-34, 54-62;  
John 18:15-18, 25-27; *The Desire of Ages*, pp. 672-674, 710-715

**H**ave you ever been afraid? Or done something that you were sorry for afterward? A long time ago a man was afraid. As a result he let his best Friend down. Maybe it happened like this.

**W**hat's taking John so long? Peter thought to himself, shivering. *It's cold out here. I wonder what they're doing to Jesus?*

John had gone to the High Priest's house. He wanted to see where the soldiers had taken Jesus. The people at the gate knew John, so they let him in. John asked if Peter could come in too.

At last the gate opened.

"Come in, Peter," John whispered. Then he disappeared.

Peter hurried toward the fire in the yard. He tried not to be noticed.

A servant girl came over to where Peter was standing and said, "You also were with Jesus of Galilee."

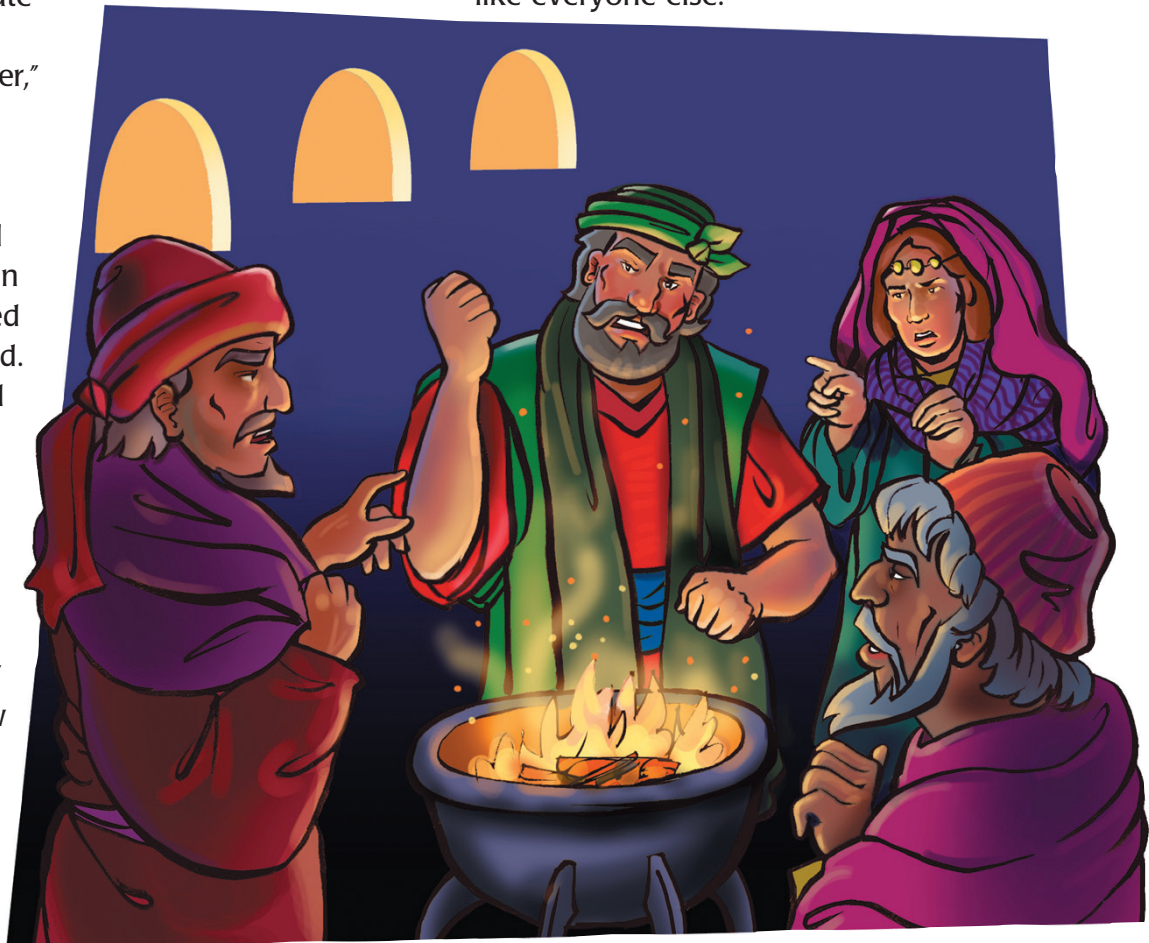
"I don't know what you're talking about," Peter said denying it.

Peter

moved away. He went to stand near the gateway. He was trying to stay out of the way. He was hoping no one would notice him or ask him any more questions. While he stood there another servant girl said to the people there, "This fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth."

Peter denied it again, and said, "I don't know the man!"

Peter tried to hide in the crowd. It was hard. He could see what the soldiers were doing to Jesus. They hit Him and spit on Him. Peter felt very sad, but he tried to pretend that he was like everyone else.





## The Message

God wants me in His family, even when I fail Him.

## Memory Verse

**"I have prayed for you, . . . that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers"**

**(Luke 22:32, NIV).**

Time passed. As Peter stood near the fire to warm himself someone said, "Surely you are one of them; your accent gives you away." Everyone stared at Peter. Peter shivered. He wished he was invisible. He shook his head and denied knowing Jesus. "I don't know the man!" Peter swears.

Immediately a rooster crowed. Peter looked up.

Jesus turned around and looked at Peter with sad eyes.

Peter remembered what Jesus had told him the day before. "Before the rooster crows, you will say that you don't know Me three times." Peter hadn't believed he would

ever say such a thing.

Peter felt terrible. He ran out the gate and hurried away. Peter "broke down" and "wept bitterly" because he had denied Jesus. He had failed.

He remembered what he had said earlier.

"I'll go to prison for You, Lord!" he had boasted. "I'll even die for You!"

"How will Jesus ever be able to forgive me? I'm so sorry, Lord," he cried to heaven.

Later, Jesus did forgive Peter. He even gave him a special work to do.

"Help make everyone else strong," Jesus said to Peter. Jesus still loved Peter. He wanted Peter to remain a part of the family of God.

And Jesus loves us, even when we do wrong. He is always ready to forgive us. He wants us to be a part of His family. He wants us to help others love Him too.



## S A B B A T H

**DO** If possible, go for a walk with your family. You probably will not hear a rooster, but listen for different sounds.

**READ** Read the memory verse in Luke 22:32 and tell what it means.

**SING** Sing together "The Family of God" (*Sing for Joy*, no. 139). Say a prayer of thanks for being part of God's big family.

## S U N D A Y

**READ** For family worship, read the story in Matthew 26:31-35, 69-75. Take turns at knocking on the door and waiting for someone to answer. What is it like when you are standing outside the room? What do you think Peter was thinking about while waiting to go into the courtyard?

**DO** See who can make the best rooster sound in the family. Say a prayer of thanks for birds and animals.

## M O N D A Y

**READ** During family worship read Mark 14:27-31, 66-72. Ask your parents to tell you about an experience they had when they made a mistake and someone treated them with love and kindness.

**DO** Look at a Bible map and see how far it is between the Sea of Galilee and Jerusalem. Measure the same distance on a map from your hometown to another city. Do the people there speak with a different accent? (One person recognized Peter because of his accent.)

**PRAY** Ask God to show you someone who needs help.

The book of Mark comes from Peter's sermons. So Peter himself tells the story of denying Jesus and being forgiven. (See Mark 14:66-72.)



## T U E S D A Y

**ASK** During worship, ask your family to help you find at least three Bible texts that assure us that God doesn't give up on us when we make a mistake.

**PRAY** Ask Jesus to forgive you for any mistakes you have made. Are you really sorry?

**DO** Say your memory verse together, and ask Jesus to show you how you can encourage someone else today.

## W E D N E S D A Y

**SING** If possible, have family worship around a fire, either inside or outside. Think of Peter standing by the fire trying to get warm. Sing together "Praise Him, Praise Him" (*Sing for Joy*, no. 12).

**ASK** Peter used some bad words because he was afraid and angry. Ask your family how to keep from doing that.

**READ** Read Luke 22:24-34, 54-62. Who are the most important people in your country? When you pray, ask God to bless them.



## THURSDAY

**DO** During worship, review the lesson story. How easy was it for Peter to hide?

**ASK** Ask everyone to close their eyes while you try to hide somewhere in the room. Is it easy to hide in a room full of people? What do you think Peter was thinking?

**DO** Find out about a country where it is hard to be a Christian today. Say a special prayer for people in that country.

## FRIDAY

**READ** Read the story in John 18:15-18, 25-27. With the help of your family, act out what happened to Peter.

**DO** Say your memory verse together. Have each person tell how they have "strengthened" someone this week.

**DO** Plan a special surprise for someone who is sad and needs encouragement. Say a prayer both for them and your planned surprise.

### Peter's Denial

## PUZZLE

**Directions:** Like Peter, we sometimes deny knowing Jesus. To straighten out the denial, lightly cross out every other letter beginning with the second letter. Write the uncrossed letters on the lines provided. Then write the crossed out letters in order on the remaining lines.

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# 2 Lesson

## Flames of Fire

Acts 1:4-11; Acts 2; *The Acts of the Apostles*, pp. 35-46

**H**ave you ever had to wait for something that you really wanted? Did time seem to drag, or did it fly by? Jesus promised His disciples that He would send them the Holy Spirit, but He didn't tell them when. He just told them to wait in Jerusalem. While they waited, time passed slowly. They wanted to tell others about Jesus, but something was missing.

**P**eter stood in the window. The bright morning sunshine warmed his face. I wonder if it will happen today, he thought. He

turned around. He looked at his friends behind him in the big room. Some of them were praying together. Some were talking quietly. All of them were waiting. Waiting for what Jesus had promised.

"Do not leave Jerusalem. Wait for the gift I told you about," Jesus had said. "In a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

That was one of the very last things Jesus had told His disciples before He went back to heaven. Peter would never forget that day! One moment he had been listening to his beloved

Jesus. The next, Jesus had been taken away! Taken away to heaven! Peter and his friends had just stood there with their mouths open. And then suddenly two angels had been there beside them. "Don't stand staring up into the sky like that!" the angels said with smiles on their faces. "Jesus is going to come back again one day in the same





## The Message

*The Holy Spirit helps us enjoy  
worshiping with others.*

## Memory Verse

*"How good and  
pleasant it is when  
God's people live  
together in unity!"*

*(Psalm 133:1, NIV).*

way you saw Him go."

And so Peter and the other believers were waiting. They weren't exactly sure what would happen. "When the Holy Spirit comes, you will be filled with power," Jesus had said. But what did that mean?

Suddenly Peter heard a sound. He wondered what it was. The whole house was filled with the sound of a strong, rushing wind! Peter's eyes opened wide in astonishment. What looked like flames of fire appeared in the room. Little flames touched each person. Everyone there was filled with the Holy Spirit. Everyone began to speak in other languages!

There were many strangers from other countries in the city that day. They had come to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost in Jerusalem. A huge crowd quickly gathered outside around the house. They had heard the roar of the mighty wind. And now they heard the people inside the house speaking in their very own languages! "How is it that these people can speak our languages?" they asked one another.

Peter stood in front of the crowd and began to speak to them. He told them about

Jesus. He told them about Jesus' life. He told them about Jesus' death. He told them about Jesus' resurrection. "Turn away from your sins and be baptized in the name of Jesus!" Peter urged the crowd.

And 3,000 people did just that. And from then on, Peter became a mighty voice for God.



While  
the disciples waited for the Holy  
Spirit, they prayed, they talked about  
Jesus, and they worshipped in the temple.  
(*The Acts of the Apostles*, pp. 35-37.)



## SUNDAY

**READ** For family worship today, read and discuss Acts 2:5-11. See how many of the places mentioned in the text you can find on a Bible map.

**PRAY** Pray that the Holy Spirit will help you find ways to talk to people in your community.

**DO** Copy your memory verse and cut it up into a puzzle. Try to put it back together without looking at your Bible. What does the word *unity* mean?

## TUESDAY

**DRAW** During family worship ask your family to draw a picture of two ways that the Holy Spirit helps them. (Comforter, Helper, Teacher, Encourager, Friend, etc.) Pray that the Holy Spirit will be with you everywhere you go.

**DO** How many things around the house can you name that create wind? How does the wind remind you of the Holy Spirit? Sing a song about the Holy Spirit before prayer.

## SABBATH

**DO** If possible, go with your family to a windy place. Stand and let the wind blow around you. Imagine what it was like when the Holy Spirit came with the wind.

**READ** Read and discuss Acts 2:1-4 together.

**PRAY** Pray that the Holy Spirit will help you understand more about Him this week.

**SING** Sing together "We Are the Church, Everyone" (*Sing for Joy*, no. 143).

## MONDAY

**ASK** During family worship today, ask someone to help you find the modern equivalents of the places mentioned in Acts 2:9-11.

**PRAY** Ask your family members to tell about a time when the Holy Spirit helped them. Pray that you will hear and listen when the Holy Spirit speaks to you.

**DO** Although you cannot see the wind, think about the number of times today you have seen the effect of it.

## WEDNESDAY

**ASK** During worship, ask your family to light a fire, if possible (inside or outside). Or light a candle. Look at the flames. How do they remind you of the Holy Spirit? Ask what reminds them most about the work of the Holy Spirit.

**DO** Practice your memory verse puzzle.

**PRAY** Pray that the Holy Spirit will show you how to tell others about Jesus.

## THURSDAY

### THINK

During worship today think of something practical your family can do in your community to contribute to unity. Discuss together: How does the Holy Spirit bring unity? Pray for the Holy Spirit's help in your "unity project."

### MAKE

Make a flag or banner with a symbol for the Holy Spirit. Hang it where the wind blows to remind you of the Holy Spirit.

### DO

Try to find out how to greet people in at least three different languages.



## FRIDAY

### MAKE

Make "flames" out of paper and, if possible, bring a fan or hair dryer to family worship. Greet your family in different languages. Ask your family to help you act out what happened on the Day of Pentecost. Use your paper flames and fan.

### SING

Sing songs about the Holy Spirit. Pray that the Holy Spirit will be with your family as you worship in church tomorrow.

### Flames of Fire

## PUZZLE

Directions: To discover one lesson from the Day of Pentecost, match each face with the letter of the same face in the code grid.



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# 3 Lesson

## Welcome to the Family

Acts 10; The Acts of the Apostles, pp. 132-142

**H**ave you ever had a dream that made you wonder about something? Some dreams are strange. Some are silly. But some make us think.

Peter had a “dream” that really wasn’t a dream at all. It was a vision, and it made him think about something important.

**C**ornelius was an officer in the Roman army. He was also a man who loved God. Everyone in his house worshiped God. Because he loved God so much, he often talked to Him in prayer.

One day, about three o’clock in the afternoon, Cornelius was praying. Suddenly an angel stood before him and called his name. Cornelius was surprised, and a bit afraid.

“God hears your prayers,” the angel said. “And He sees that you love Him so much that you share with the poor. God wants you to send for a man named Peter. He is staying in the home of Simon, a man who lives by the sea. God wants you to listen to what Peter has to tell you.” Then the angel was gone.

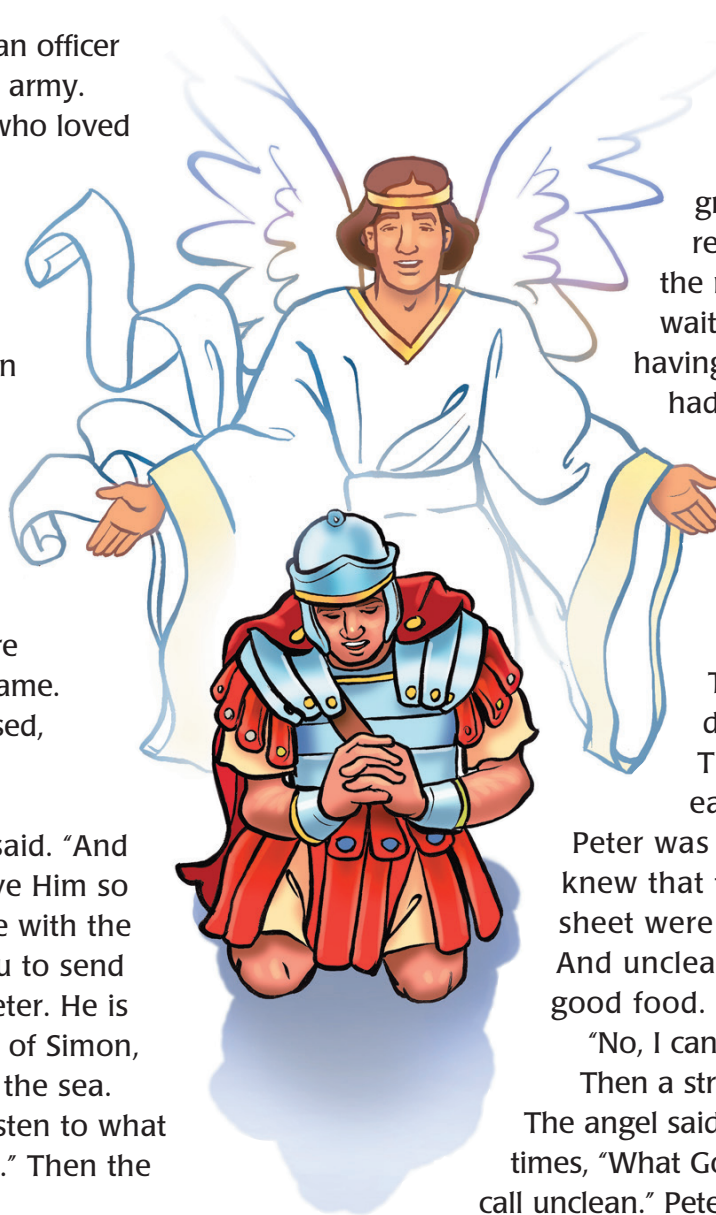
Cornelius immediately called two servants and a trusted soldier friend and sent them off to find Peter. While they were gone, Cornelius talked to everyone in his household, to his neighbors, and friends. He invited them to come to his house to hear a special message from God.

About the same time, Peter was on the roof of Simon’s house. Peter was hungry, but dinner wasn’t ready yet. He had gone to the roof to pray while he waited. Suddenly he was having a vision too. The angel had left Cornelius’s home and come to bring a message to Peter too. Peter’s message was an unusual vision about all kinds of animals in a sheet. The sheet was being let down in front of him. The angel told him to eat one of the animals.

Peter was very hungry, but he knew that the animals in that sheet were all unclean animals. And unclean animals were not good food.

“No, I can’t do that,” he said.

Then a strange thing happened. The angel said very clearly, three times, “What God has made clean, don’t call unclean.” Peter knew then that the



## The Message

*I invite others to join God's family by sharing His love.*

## Memory Verse

*"God does not show favoritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right"*

*(Acts 10:34, 35, NIV).*

message was not about eating unclean animals. Suddenly he heard knocking on the gate to Simon's house.

"Is there a man here named Peter?" three men asked the servant at the door.

And the angel said to Peter, "Three men are downstairs looking for you. Get up and go downstairs. Go with them. God is sending you to them."

Then Peter knew what God was telling him—Jesus died for everyone. Peter knew that

he should tell the good news about Jesus to all people. To everyone—even if they did not look or act just as he did. Even if they were from another country.

Peter went downstairs and asked the men to spend the night. In the morning he went with them to Cornelius's home. Cornelius had all his friends and relatives there waiting for Peter. He believed that Peter had been sent by God to teach them about Jesus. Peter didn't have any more doubts. Jesus had died for everyone. Everyone must hear the good news. No one must be left out!



## S A B B A T H

**PRAY**

God spoke to Peter when he was on a rooftop praying. If possible, go with your family to a point where you can look out over your neighborhood. When you are there, say a prayer that the people living there will hear the good news about Jesus.

**DO**

Cornelius was known for helping people in need. Talk together as a family and decide how you can help someone this week.

**DO**

One way to invite people to join God's family is by giving them literature. Give some away today.



Cornelius was a centurion—a soldier in charge of 100 other soldiers.

## S U N D A Y

**READ**

Write each word of your memory verse on a separate small piece of paper. Hold a dish towel by the four corners and put your memory verse words in it. Shake them up and then try to put them in the right order.

**DO**

Look in a dictionary or encyclopedia and see how many different nations there are in the world. How many can you name?

**PRAY**

Say a prayer that God's good news will spread around the world.

## M O N D A Y

**ASK**

Ask an adult to help you see how many different combinations of coins you can use to make a dollar. Does the value change because it is made up of different coins? Does God put a different value on each of us?

**DO**

Look in a dictionary and find the meaning of *centurion*. Did God place the same value on Cornelius as on Peter?

**PRAY**

Pray that you will always treat everyone as a child of God.

## T U E S D A Y

**READ**

At family worship read and discuss Leviticus 11:1-22 to discover why Peter thought the animals in the sheet were unclean. Clean and unclean animals are also mentioned in Genesis 7:1-3. Why do you think there are more clean animals?

**DO**

Make a poster showing some clean animals and unclean animals.

**PRAY**

Pray that you will be kind to everyone.

## W E D N E S D A Y

**DO**

Look at a Bible map and measure the distance from Joppa to Caesarea. How do you think Peter and the servants would have traveled from Joppa to Caesarea?

**ASK**

Ask an adult to help you measure the same distance from your house to a place you know.

**PRAY**

Pray that God will protect your family as you travel to school and work.



## THURSDAY

**DO** Cornelius invited his family and friends to hear the good news. Make a list of your family and friends with whom you want to share the good news about Jesus. During family worship talk about ways you can do so.

**DO** Make an invitation from Cornelius to his friends. Can you use it to invite your friends to Sabbath School?

**PRAY** Pray that your friends will learn to love Jesus too.

## FRIDAY

**READ** During family worship have someone read Acts 10 as the rest of the family acts out the story.

**DO** Say your memory verse for your family.

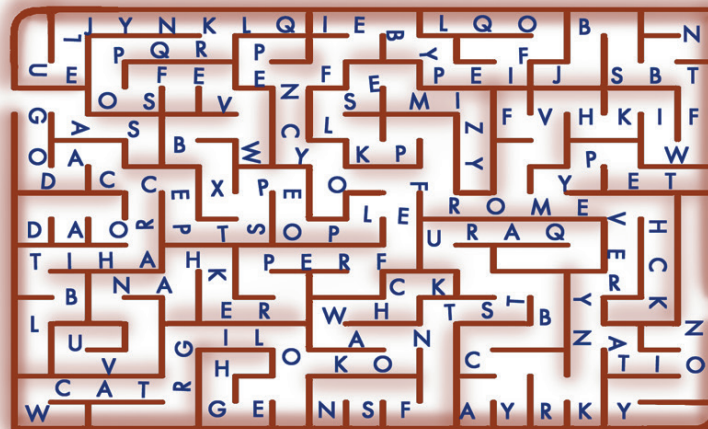
**DO** Light a candle. Turn out the lights. How much light does the candle give? Light more candles. What happens with each candle you light? How is this like sharing the good news with others?

**SING** Sing a favorite praise song before prayer.

### Cornelius And Peter

## PUZZLE

**Directions:** Help Cornelius understand the answer to his prayer by finding the one right path to Peter. Then copy the letters along that path onto the lines below.




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# 4 Lesson

## The Great Escape

Acts 12:1-19; *The Acts of the Apostles*, pp. 143-154

**H**ave you ever tried to open a door and found it was locked? Peter was in prison behind locked doors. Would he ever leave that cold, dark place?

**A**t first Peter could not sleep. He lay on the cold, hard ground in the dark. His hands were chained to two guards. He hurt all over. His only comfort was knowing that the other believers were praying for him.

Fourteen other soldiers stood outside the cell guarding him. To escape was humanly impossible. All the excitement of being arrested made him very tired. Soon he fell into a deep sleep.

Peter felt something—or someone—touch him. He woke up to a bright light. An angel reached out to him.

“Quickly, get up,” the angel said. Peter thought he was dreaming, until the chains fell off his wrists.

“Put on your clothes and sandals,”

said the angel. “Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.”

Peter obeyed. He felt as if he were still dreaming. Quietly, the angel led Peter past all 14 guards. When they reached the prison gate, it opened by itself.

As they walked down the street, the angel disappeared. Peter knew then that this was not a dream; he was awake. “I know the Lord sent His angel to rescue me from Herod!” he said to himself.

Peter walked to John Mark’s mother’s house. He knew the believers had gathered there to pray. Peter knocked softly on the outer door. Rhoda, a servant girl, answered.

“Who is it?” she asked through the closed door.

“Rhoda, Rhoda,” Peter whispered. “It’s Peter.”

“Peter!” she shouted joyfully. “He’s at the door!” Then without opening the door she ran back to tell the



## The Message

God hears and answers our prayers according to what is best for us.

## Memory Verse

*"Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him"*

*(Acts 12:5, NIV).*



others. Peter stood there, surprised that she hadn't let him in. He put his ear on the door. He could hear a voice inside saying, "Rhoda, you're out of your mind."

"No, it's true," Rhoda cried. Peter knocked again.

"Peter's in jail," said another voice.

"But I heard him," said Rhoda.

Peter knocked again.

"He's got four squads of soldiers guarding him," someone else may have said.

"I know his voice," insisted Rhoda. Peter knocked harder.

"It is Peter!" Rhoda said in a tearful voice.

Peter didn't want to wake up the whole neighborhood, but he knocked loudly once more.

Everyone rushed toward the door. They yanked it open, and almost shouted when they saw Peter. He motioned for them to be quiet.

Their voices dropped to a whisper as they pulled him inside the house.

Everyone began talking at once, saying, "Praise God, Peter, you're safe"; "We've been praying for you all night."

Then Peter told them how the Lord's angel had helped him escape. When he finished, he said, "I've got to go somewhere that is safer. Tell James and the others what happened. Thank you for your prayers. I know that's why the angel came to set me free."



## S A B B A T H

**DO** With your family, go for a Sabbath walk while tied loosely to another person. What does it feel like? Think about what it must have been like for Peter.

**PRAY** Pray for all those who are in prison today for believing in Jesus.

## M O N D A Y

**DO** Make a family prayer list during family worship.

**ASK** Ask each person to share a time when God answered their prayers.

**SING** Sing "Whisper a Prayer" (Sing for Joy, no. 96).

**THINK** Lie down on the floor for five minutes. Think what it must have been like for Peter lying on the floor in prison.

**PRAY** Pray for the people on your prayer list.

## W E D N E S D A Y

**DO** Find the ABCs to prayer by looking up Matthew 7:7; Matthew 21:22; and John 11:41. Fill them in below:  
A \_\_, B \_\_\_\_, C l a i m

**MAKE** Make a poster to put up in your room to remind you of the ABCs of prayer.

**SHARE** Share the ABCs of prayer with your family at worship today, and use the ABCs as you pray together.

## S U N D A Y

**READ** Read and discuss Acts 12:1-19 during family worship.

**PRAY** Pray for your church family.

**DO** Cut 16 thin strips of paper. Write one word of the memory verse on each strip. Glue both ends of the strips together, linking them to form a paper chain. Review your memory verse every day.

**DO** How many chains can you find around your house? Which is the heaviest? What kind of chain do you think was used on Peter?

## T U E S D A Y

**READ** Look in an encyclopedia and see what you can find out about Roman prisons.

**DO** Create a prison model to share at worship.

**DO** During family worship see how many other Bible prisoners you can think of.

**PRAY** Thank God for your freedom.

Peter had 16 guards in jail who worked four at a time. Two were always chained to him; two stood at the door of his cell.



## THURSDAY

**DO** Make a greeting card for an older church member. On the card write Mark 11:24 and "I'm praying for you." With your parents permission mail the card, take it to their home, or give it to the person at church. Continue to remember this person in your prayers.

**DO** Mark out a "prison cell" 6' x 3'. Stay in the space for 10 minutes. While there, thank God for the people who pray for you every day.

## FRIDAY

**DO** For worship, act out the story of Peter with your family.

**DO** God answers prayers in three different ways: yes, no, and wait. Look at your family prayer list and see how God has answered your prayers for each one.

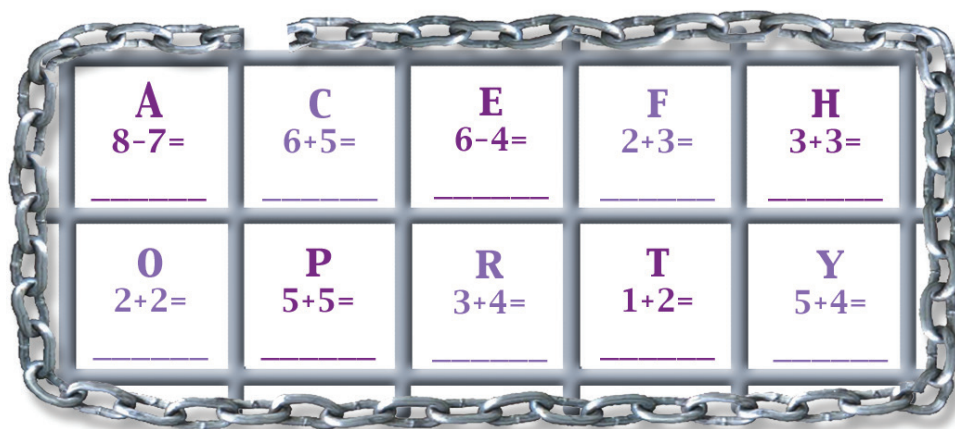
**SING** Say your memory verse for the family. Sing a prayer song.

**PRAY** Continue to pray for those on your family prayer list.

### Peter Escapes From Prison

## PUZZLE

**Directions:** To find a way that we can help others, first do the math problems in the code grid. Fill in the answer in order to know which letter should be placed above the numbers in the puzzle.

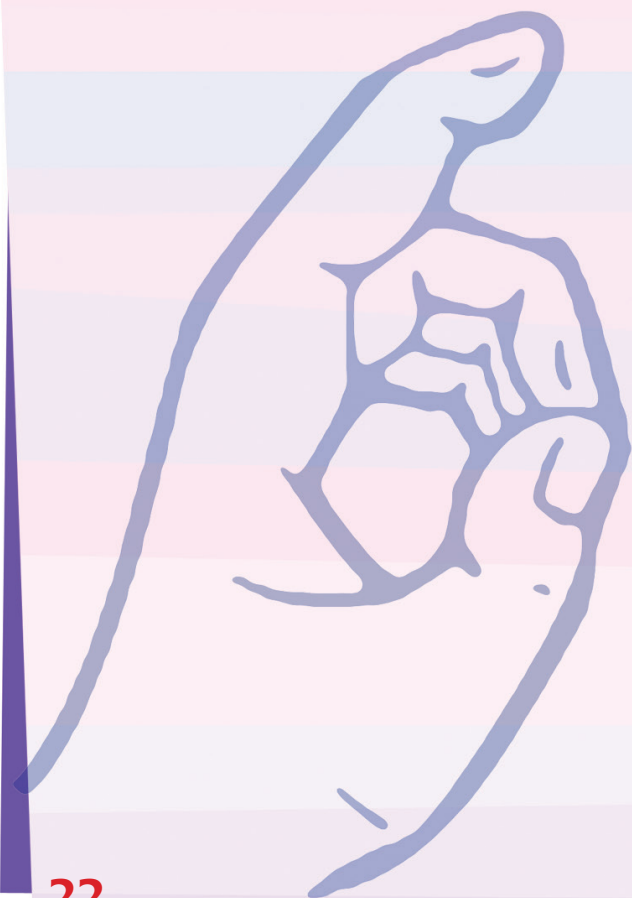


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# Community— God's Family

## Directions:

As you think about your community, consider the number of ways that people communicate. Information is shared through words, written materials, and actions. Sign language is one way that people who are hearing-challenged can communicate. Use the hand signs to spell out a message of hope.



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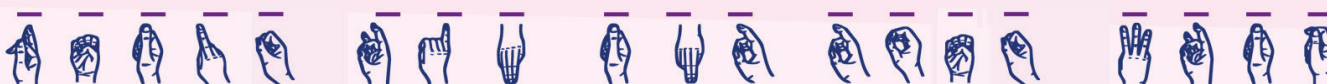
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” Acts 10:34, 35 (NIV)

# Lesson 5

## A New World

Genesis 1; 2; Patriarchs and Prophets, pp. 44-51

**H**ave you ever noticed how beautiful nature is? The colors of a butterfly, the beauty of a sunset or the amazing stars; all these didn't just happen. God planned each one as part of the perfect world He created.

**G**od had a plan to create a world. He wanted this world to be beautiful and full of creatures that would walk, fly, crawl, swim, and talk.

God found a dark, empty, watery spot in the universe. He said, "Let there be light." And light appeared. God called the light day and the darkness night. The light was morning. The dark was night. Together these were the first day.

But everything was still watery—not good for walking, flying, or crawling. So God spoke again, "Let there be something to divide that water in two." The water divided into two parts with a space in-between. The space was dry and light and blue. God called the upper part sky. It was the second day.

Next God decided to make a place where creatures could walk and crawl. He said, "Water, come together. Make room for dry ground." God called the ground land. He called the water that was left seas. He looked at the land and said, "Produce plants and trees for food and shelter." This happened on the third day. "And God saw that it was good."

Then God was ready to make lights. He said, "Lights, hang yourselves in the sky."

And lights appeared.

A big one, the sun, marked the day. A smaller one, the moon, marked the night. Together, with smaller lights, the stars, they would mark the seasons and years.

With these day markers in place, God ended the fourth day.

"And God saw that it was good."

Now the earth was ready for some of the creatures God had planned. "Sea creatures, the water is ready for you. Birds, the air is ready for you," said God. And fish and birds appeared. God blessed them saying, "Fill the seas. Fill the air." "Multiply and fill the earth."





## The Message

**We worship God when we thank Him for creating our world.**

## Memory Verse

**"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth"**

**(Genesis 1:1, NIV).**

That ended the fifth day. "And God saw that it was good."

The next day, God said, "I am ready to make animals." And He did. He made large ones and small ones. He told the animals to multiply and fill the earth." But He wasn't finished yet. "Let us make man in our image," He said.

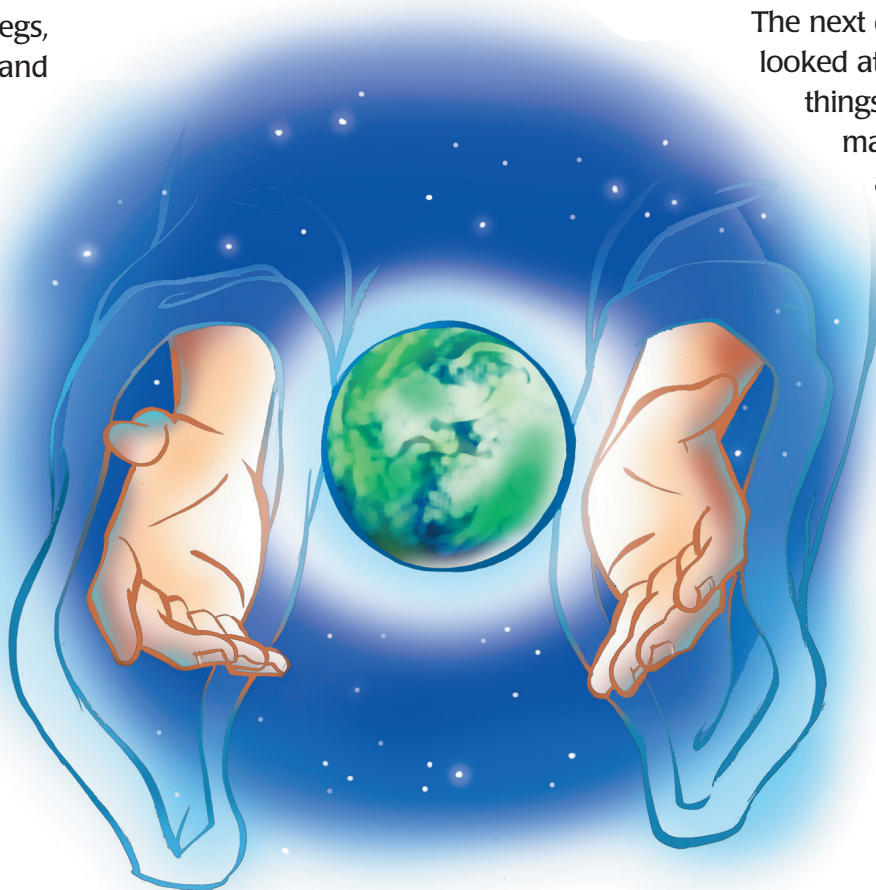
Then God did something different. He gathered up some clay, and He began to shape it. He formed it into a creature with two legs, two arms, a body, and a head. Then God breathed into the face of the creature. And the creature opened its eyes and sat up. It was a man!

God called the man Adam. He showed Adam everything He had just made. "This is for you, Adam. Take care of it."

God then put Adam to sleep. While Adam was sleeping, God took Adam's rib and made a wife for him. When Adam saw his wife, he exclaimed, "You are my perfect partner!" He

called her Eve. And that was the end of the sixth day. "And God saw all that he had made, and it was very good."

The next day God looked at all the good things He had made. And He and Adam and Eve and all the other creatures rested and enjoyed their new home. It was the seventh day, the wonderful day we call Sabbath. "God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done." God's new world was complete.





## S A B B A T H

**DO** Take a nature walk with your family. Play a game in which you start off by saying, "I see something that God made." Give clues. The person who guesses what you describe chooses the next object. Read your lesson together, then thank God for the wonderful things He made.

## S U N D A Y

**DO** For family worship read and discuss Genesis 1:1-3. Close your eyes and imagine what life would be like if it were dark all the time! List things that you could not do if there were no light.

**PRAY** We rest at night, but some creatures are active then. Find out about an animal where you live that comes out at night. Thank God for animals that like to go out in the dark.

## M O N D A Y

**READ** With your family, read and discuss Genesis 1:6-8. Say a prayer of thanks for water.

**DRAW** Draw some fish shapes on a piece of paper. Write one word of the memory verse on each fish. Cut out the fish and mix up the words. Practice saying your memory verse as you put the fish in the right order.

## T U E S D A Y

**DO** Find a pretty leaf. Take a sheet of paper and place it on top of the leaf. Use a crayon to rub over the leaf. Watch the shape of the leaf appear on your paper.

**DO** Look up Ecclesiastes 3:11 and write it above your leaf rubbing.

**SING** Share the leaf rubbing with your family during worship and tell them how much God loves them. Sing "All Things Bright and Beautiful" (Sing for Joy, no. 51) together. Then, thank God for trees and plants.

## W E D N E S D A Y

**SHARE** If possible, for worship go outside with your family after dark and look at the stars. How many constellations (stars grouped together in a certain way) can you identify? Draw some constellations on paper. Use a book to learn more about them.

**READ** Read and discuss Psalm 8:3, 9; Psalm 19:1; Psalm 136:1, 7, 9. Then thank and praise God for creating the sun, moon, and stars.

The Jewish Talmud calls the first book of the Bible "Book of Creation of the World."



## THURSDAY

**READ** With your family, read and discuss Genesis 1:20-23 to discover what else God created on the fifth day.

**DO** Find out how fish breathe. Why can't they live on land?

**DO** Take a glass and stuff a dry cloth or paper towel into the bottom. Fill a basin with water and, holding the glass upside down without tilting it, put it all the way under the water. Quickly pull it out and feel the paper towel. Is it wet? Why not? Repeat, but this time tilt the glass slightly. What happened? Why do you think the towel got wet?

**PRAY** Thank God for the things He created on the fifth day.

## FRIDAY

**ASK** Plan a quiz for family worship tonight. Ask your family to describe the plan God followed in creating our world.

**ASK** Ask each person in the family to describe what they like best in Creation.

**SING** Sing "Every Flower That Grows" (*Sing for Joy*, no. 55) or another song about Creation.

**READ** Read Genesis 1 through 2:3 together. Then thank God for all He made.

Creation

## PUZZLE

**Directions:** We worship God when we thank Him for creating our world. Draw a line from each day of Creation to the picture that most closely represents that day's activities.



Day One  
Day Two  
Day Three  
Day Four  
Day Five  
Day Six  
Day Seven



# 6 Lesson

## God's Mirror Image

Genesis 1:26-30; 2:4-23; Psalm 139:1-18; Patriarchs and Prophets, pp. 45-62

All week God had been busy creating a lovely world! It was the sixth day, and He had finished creating all the animals. Then He lovingly formed man out of the fresh earth. I can imagine that for a moment He just looked at it, smiling at the thought of the wonderful times they would share together. "Oh, my dear Adam," God might have said. "How I love you!"

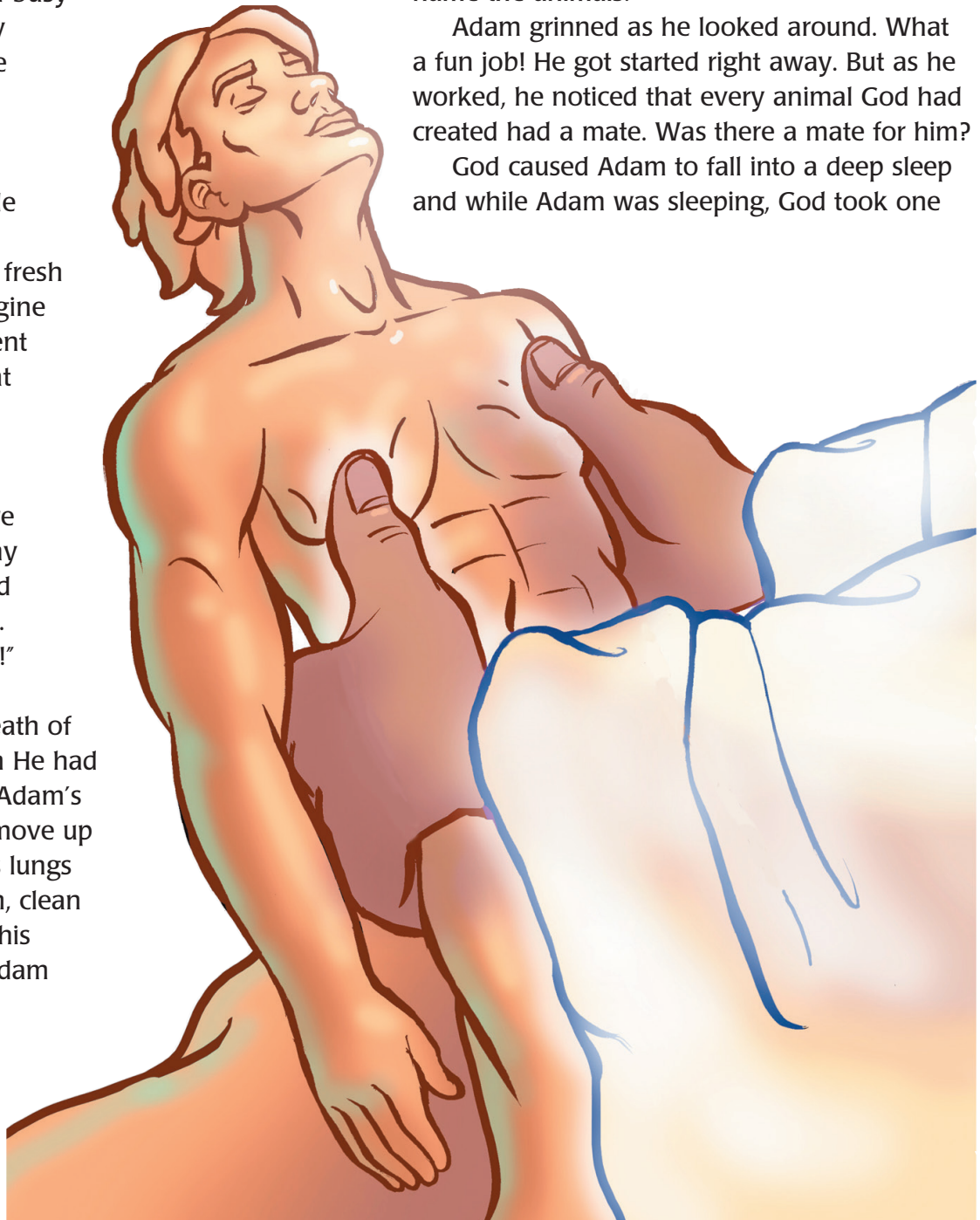
Then God breathed His breath of life into the form He had made. Instantly Adam's chest began to move up and down as his lungs inhaled the fresh, clean air. Smiling into his Creator's face, Adam sat up! "Hello, Lord," he might have said.

God showed Adam all around his

beautiful new garden home. "Adam, you may name the animals."

Adam grinned as he looked around. What a fun job! He got started right away. But as he worked, he noticed that every animal God had created had a mate. Was there a mate for him?

God caused Adam to fall into a deep sleep and while Adam was sleeping, God took one





## The Message

We praise God  
for creating us.

## Memory Verse

“God created mankind  
in his own image, . . .  
male and female he  
created them”

(Genesis 1:27, NIV).

of his ribs and formed a beautiful woman out of the soft earth. When Adam woke up and saw his wife, he was filled with love!

God blessed the first wife and husband. They spent their very first whole day together enjoying God’s company. God gave them the Sabbath as a special gift.

They loved the garden home God had made for them. Each evening, they would walk together in the Garden and talk with Him. It was such a wonderful time; they couldn’t wait to be with God!

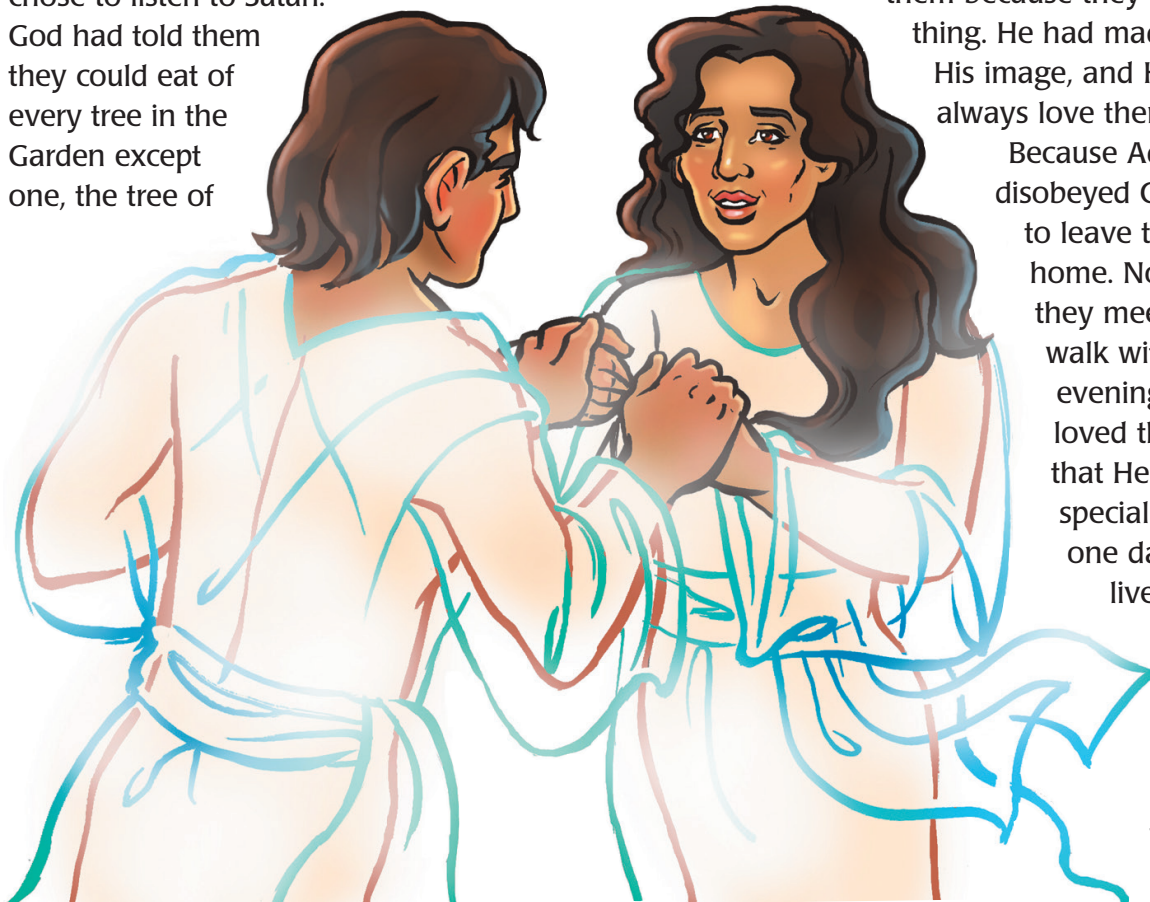
One sad day, however, Adam and Eve made a wrong choice. They chose to listen to Satan. God had told them they could eat of every tree in the Garden except one, the tree of

the Knowledge of Good and Evil. The happy couple didn’t want any part of that! But unfortunately, Eve ate the fruit that the serpent, who was really Satan, offered her. Then she shared it with Adam.

Immediately, instead of wanting to be with God, they felt afraid and hid from Him! But God still loved them. He did not stop loving them because they did the wrong thing. He had made them in His image, and He would always love them.

Because Adam and Eve disobeyed God, they had to leave their garden home. No longer could they meet God and walk with Him in the evenings. But God loved them so much that He had made a special plan so that one day they could live with Him

again. God loves us, and He wants us to live with Him too.



## S A B B A T H

**READ** If possible, go for a walk with your family and enjoy all the things God has made. Read your lesson together. Tell your family members that they were created in God's image, and how they remind you of Him.

**DO** Find someone who is about your height. Stand face to face about 18 inches (45 cm) apart. Mirror each other's actions. If they move their left hand, you move your right, etc.

**SING** Sing songs of praise. Then thank God for creating you in His image.

## S U N D A Y

**READ** Read Genesis 1:26-30 for family worship.

**DRAW** Draw a line on a piece of paper. Above the line write your memory verse. Then try to write it again as a reflection beneath the line. Put a mirror on the line to see if you can read your "reflection."

**ASK** Ask your mom or dad if they have any old family photos. Look through them together and see if there are any people who look similar. The more time we spend with God, the more like Him we become.

**PRAY** Thank God for being with you every day.

## M O N D A Y

**READ** Read and discuss Genesis 2:4-23 for family worship.

**DO** Look in an encyclopedia to find out what our bodies are made of. Share your findings with your family at worship. Was there anything that surprised you?

**DO** Look around your house. In how many shiny surfaces can you see your reflection?

**PRAY** Pray that you will always reflect God's love to others.

## T U E S D A Y

**READ** During family worship, ask an adult to help you smear a small amount of soap on a mirror. Can you see yourself? Wash it off. Now can you see yourself? When we sin, God's image gets blurred, and we need to ask Him to wash away our sins. Read 1 John 1:9 together. Then thank God for forgiving your sins.

**DO** Review your memory verse. Do the actions as you say the verse.

**MAKE** Adam named all the animals. Create an animal, either by drawing or modeling it, and give it a name. Show it at family worship and explain its name.

## W E D N E S D A Y

**DO** If possible, visit a petting zoo where you can see some of the animals that Adam named. Or visit a friend who has an animal and find out how they take care of it. Read Psalm 139:1-16 for family worship. Choose one thing from those verses that tells YOU that YOU are special to God. Use it to make a poster.

**SING** Sing "Wonderful, Wonderful" (Sing for Joy, no. 39) together before prayer.

**PRAY** Ask God to help you make good choices today.



## THURSDAY

**READ** Read Genesis 2 together at family worship. Act out the story as someone reads it.

**PRAY** Praise God for your family.

**DO** Adam was about 12 feet (3.6 meters) tall.\* Ask an adult to help you measure Adam's height. Measure the people in your family. How do you all compare with Adam?

**DO** Find three things that are about 12 feet (3.6 meters) tall.

\*See The Story of Redemption, p. 21.

## FRIDAY

**DO** Adam and Eve celebrated the very first Sabbath with God. Plan something special with your family that you can do together tomorrow.

**SHARE** Pass around a mirror. Have each person look in the mirror and say, "I am made in the image of God." Tell something about each person that makes them special.

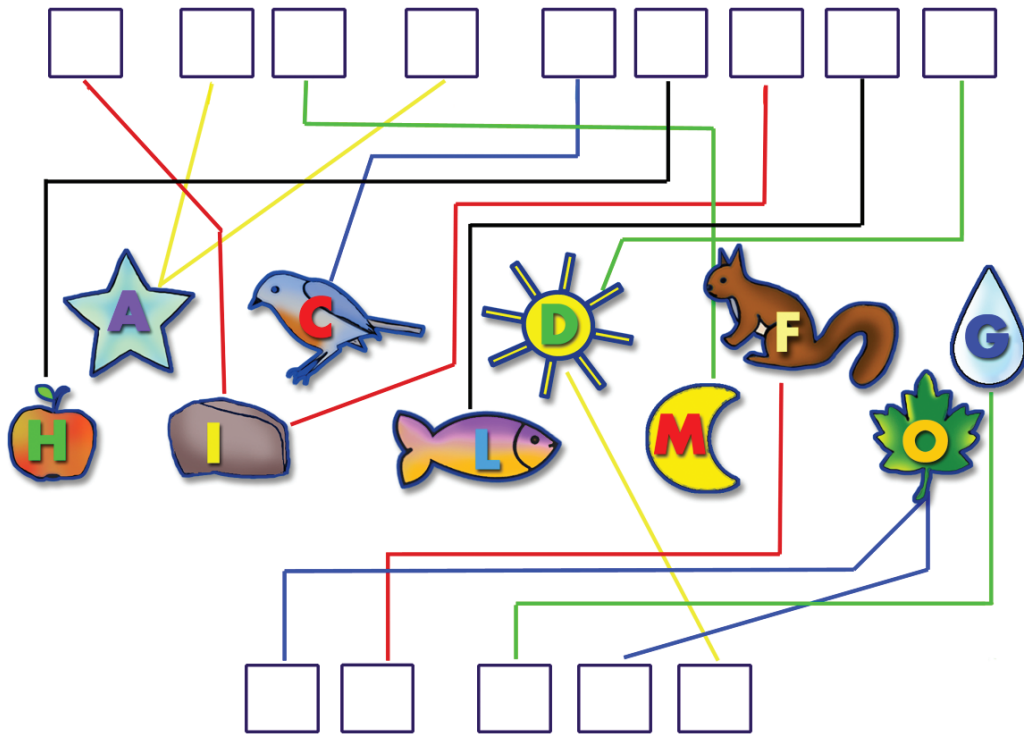
**DO** Mime some of the animals that Adam named. See how quickly your family can guess what you are.

**PRAY** Thank God for giving you and your family the Sabbath.

### Creation of Humans

## PUZZLE

Directions: Trace each line from the letter to a box. Fill in the letter for that box.





# 7 Lesson

## A Day of Celebration

*Genesis 2:1-3; Patriarchs and Prophets, pp. 47, 48*

**B**irthday celebrations are fun. Did you ever wish that you could have more than one birthday a year?

When God created the world, He created a special day to be celebrated once a week. He called the day "Sabbath." And He wants us to share in His Sabbath celebration every week.

**F**or six days God had been very busy creating the world and everything in it. Everything from the sun, moon, and stars, down to the tiny ants and the smallest creatures in the sea was just as He had planned it. He looked at it all and saw that it was good.

God had saved the best till last. He created

Adam and Eve on the sixth day. Now there was only one thing left to create—a special time that would help this new world to remember Him as its Creator. This day would give Adam and Eve time to get to know Him. God smiled with pleasure.

On the seventh day God rested and spent time with Adam and Eve. He called the seventh day the Sabbath and blessed it.

The first Sabbath Adam and Eve spent with God was a joyful time. They talked about the wonderful things that God had made. They walked in the Garden admiring the beauty of the plants and enjoyed the animals. It was a day they did not want to end. It was so

wonderful to spend time with God.

God explained that every week they could enjoy this special time with Him. Yes, they would spend time with God every day. But during the week there were many things that would keep them busy. On Sabbath Adam and Eve could rest from that



## The Message

*We worship God when  
we enjoy His Sabbath.*

## Memory Verse

*“Then God blessed  
the seventh day and  
made it holy”*

*(Genesis 2:3, NIV).*

work and enjoy a special time with God.

Adam and Eve were thrilled at the thought of a day to explore wonderful things with their Creator. They had so many questions they wanted to ask.

Later, when Adam and Eve disobeyed God, they were shut out from their beautiful garden home. They soon began to understand what an awful thing they had done. Adam had to work harder to care for the plants and animals. Things began to die. Sabbaths became a time to spend with God without doing work.

God took time to explain to Adam and Eve His plan to rescue the world from sin. He explained that Sabbath was an important part of that plan. After they sinned a huge gap seemed to separate them from God. Sabbath gives the opportunity for people and God to be together.

God told Adam and Eve that Satan would try to make people believe that he was in charge of the world. Satan would try to persuade people that God was not the Creator. He would try to persuade them not to meet with God on the Sabbath.

Adam and Eve could not understand that. Why wouldn't people want to spend time with God? They enjoyed spending time with God because they loved Him and knew that He loved them.

God wants us to know today, that when the earth is made new, everyone will worship together on the Sabbath day. And we will walk and talk with God face to face.



## S A B B A T H

**DO** If possible, go for a walk with your family.

**READ** Find a quiet place and read your lesson. Talk about God's walk with Adam and Eve on the first Sabbath. If you could go for a walk with God, what would you ask Him about? Thank God for giving us a special time with Him every week.

**DO** Teach your memory verse to your family.

## M O N D A Y

**READ** With your family, read Exodus 20:8-11. Ask your parents to tell you of special blessings they receive from keeping the Sabbath holy.

**DRAW** Sabbath is a memorial to Creation. Draw a flower with a center and 10 petals. Cut out the petals. Write the reference to your memory verse in the flower center and one word on each petal. Mix up the petals and try to put the words back in order.

**PRAY** Thank God for creating beautiful flowers.

## T U E S D A Y

**SHARE** At family worship think of a friend who has never celebrated Sabbath. Plan to invite them to share a Sabbath with your family. Pray for them.

**READ** Read the story about God sending manna to the children of Israel in Exodus 16:4, 5, 14-30. What does this tell you about keeping the Sabbath?

**DO** Make a list of things you can do during the first six days of the week to be ready for Sabbath.

## S U N D A Y

**READ** Read and discuss Genesis 2:2, 3 for family worship.

**DO** Use the letters of the word SABBATH to see how many words you can list that describe Sabbath. For example: S is for special and sacred. A is for awesome, etc.

**MAKE** Make a countdown calendar so you can check off the days until Sabbath.

**PRAY** Pray for those who cannot celebrate Sabbath openly.

Isaiah

66:23 says we  
will still be keeping the Sabbath  
holy in the new earth.



## W E D N E S D A Y

**ASK** With your family, discover when Sabbath begins. Look in Genesis 1 to see how God's time is measured. Ask an adult to show you a sunset calendar.

**DO** Are there any memorials near your home? Find out if there are special holidays to remind people of national events. How do these compare with God's memorial of Creation, the Sabbath?

**SING** Sing "Psalm 118:24" (Sing for Joy, no. 94) or another song of praise.

**PRAY** Thank God for the Sabbath, His memorial of Creation.



## THURSDAY

**MAKE** Make a sunset calendar and put it up in your room to remind you to be ready for Sabbath.

**DO** During family worship talk about things you like to do on Sabbath. Read Mark 2:27 together. Plan to do something special this week.

**DO** Write a letter to God. (If you need help, ask your mom or dad to help you.) Tell Him how you would like to spend Sabbath with Him in heaven.

**PRAY** Pray for your family's Sabbath plan.

## FRIDAY

**DO** Help your family get ready for Sabbath. Tidy your room without being told.

**READ** With your family, read and discuss Genesis 1; 2:1-3. Ask your family: Which day of Creation is your favorite? Why?







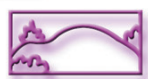
**PRAY** Say your memory verse together; then thank God for a new Sabbath.



## The Sabbath

## PUZZLE

Directions: Print the name of each item pictured from Creation week. The best part of Creation is found in the highlighted boxes.

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# 8 Lesson

## Brotherly Love?

Genesis 4; Patriarchs and Prophets, pp. 68, 71-79

**J**erry was angry! His brother, Jimmy, had a new bike and Jerry got his brother's old one. Jerry was jealous. He wanted a new bike too. So one day Jerry just took Jimmy's bike and went for a long ride.

*The Bible tells about two brothers. One was jealous of the other. And a terrible thing happened.*

**A**fter they left the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve had two sons, Cain and Abel. Cain became a farmer. Abel became a shepherd. Every day Cain worked in his fields while Abel took his sheep to graze.

Abel loved God. He wanted to do the things God asked. He liked bringing gifts to God, and he loved to worship Him.

Cain was different from his brother. He didn't want to do what God wanted, he wanted to do his own thing. Cain didn't want to think about what had happened to their parents.

You remember what happened. God told Adam and Eve that they could eat from any tree in the Garden except one. If they ate from that tree, they would die. But Adam and Eve listened to Satan and ate fruit from the tree.

They did not die right away, but they had to leave their beautiful home. God told them about

His plan to send His Son to die for them. But it would be some time before Jesus came to the earth. So God found a way to show Adam and Eve what it meant to die.

After Adam and Eve sinned, God clothed them with the skins of animals. And as they watched the flowers die and the leaves fall from the trees they began to understand a little bit about death.

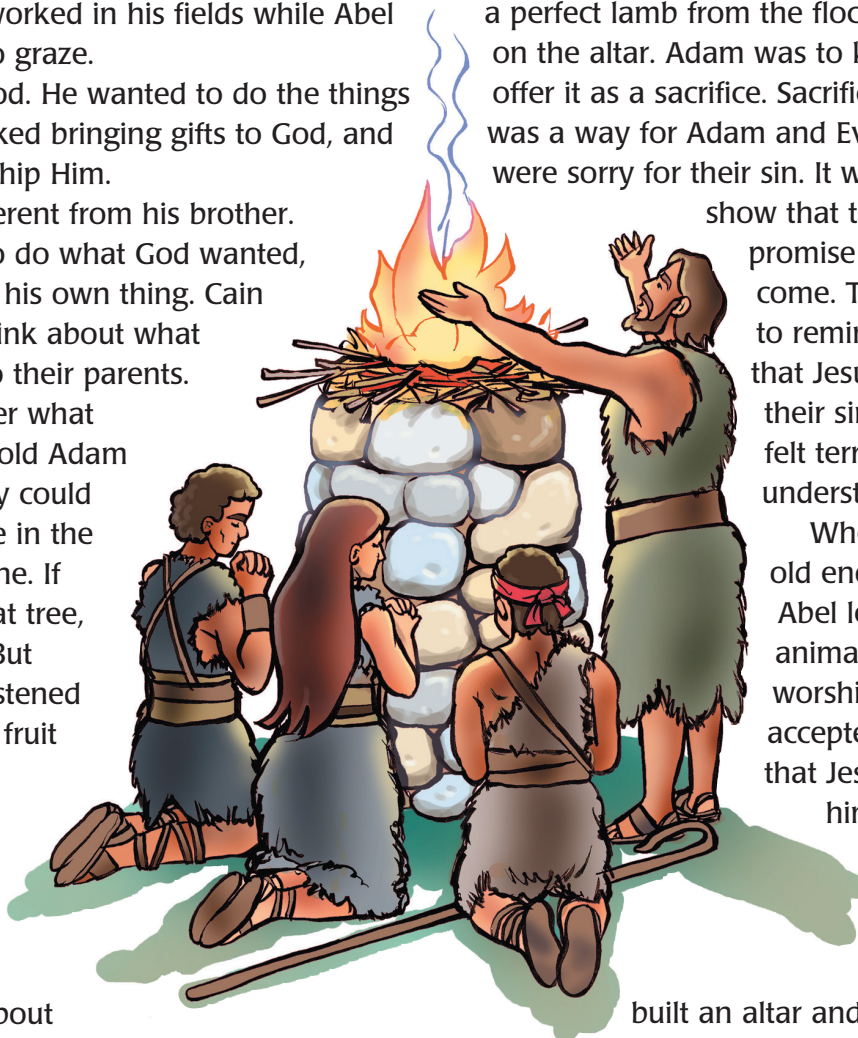
Then God showed Adam how to make an altar of stones. He showed him how to take a perfect lamb from the flock and place it on the altar. Adam was to kill the lamb and offer it as a sacrifice. Sacrificing an animal was a way for Adam and Eve to say they were sorry for their sin. It was also a way to show that they believed the

promise that Jesus would come. This sacrifice was to remind Adam and Eve that Jesus would die for their sins. Adam and Eve felt terrible when they understood this.

When they were old enough, Cain and Abel learned to sacrifice animals for their worship too. Abel accepted God's promise that Jesus would die for him. He wanted

God to know he trusted His promise to send a Saviour. So he

built an altar and sacrificed the



## The Message

*We honor God when we  
live peacefully with others.*

## Memory Verse

*“Blessed are the  
peacemakers, for  
they will be called  
children of God”*

*(Matthew 5:9, NIV).*

best lamb from his flock. God accepted his offering and sent fire from heaven to burn it up.

Cain knew why they should offer sacrifices to God. But when it was time for him to make a sacrifice, he did not do it God's way. He built an altar just as Abel had done. But he put fruit and vegetables that he had grown on the altar instead of the lamb that God asked him to use. God didn't accept Cain's offering. He didn't send fire from heaven to burn it up.

Cain was stubborn. He was angry because God didn't accept his offering. He was angry at Abel too. He was so angry that he killed his brother! God sent Cain away from his family after that. If only Cain had done as God asked! If only he hadn't become jealous and angry. If only he had been a peacemaker.

Aren't you glad you don't have to kill a lamb for your worship? Aren't you glad that Jesus came and died to save you? Just pray to God and say, "I'm sorry for my sins. I accept Jesus' sacrifice. Thank You for the gift of Jesus, the One who died for my sins." He will hear you. He will accept you into His family. He will help you to be loving and kind at all times.





## S A B B A T H

**DO** Ask someone to time you as you hunt around the house for things connected with the story of Cain and Abel. What did you find?

**DO** During family worship, blow up a balloon, but don't tie it. Then let it go. What happens?

**READ** Read Proverbs 15:1 with your family. Ask: How is a gentle answer like letting the air out of the balloon?

**PRAY** Pray that you will always be a peacemaker.

## S U N D A Y

**READ** Read your memory verse for family worship.

**DRAW** Draw a big picture of a sheep. Write your memory verse on it. Cut it up to form a puzzle. Practice putting it together until you can say the verse without help.

**ASK** Ask an adult to tell you about a time they were angry and how they handled it. What can you learn from their story?

**PRAY** Pray for countries around the world where people are fighting.

## M O N D A Y

**READ** Read Genesis 4:2-4 for family worship. What kind of lamb did Abel bring?

**ASK** Ask your family to help you find and read about three other shepherds in the Bible.

**SHARE** Find out five things about sheep. Share your sheep facts with your family.

**DO** Look around the house for things made of sheep's wool. Show them to your family.

**PRAY** Pray together that you will always do your best for God.

The lamb Abel sacrificed represented Jesus whom the Bible calls the Lamb of God.



## T U E S D A Y

**READ** For family worship make a picture of the setting sun. Read and discuss Ephesians 4:26. Write under your picture why you think this advice is important.

**DO** If you have been mean to anyone today, tell them you are sorry (if you really are) before you go to bed. If you were mean today and aren't sorry, ask God to help you.

**SING** Sing "O, How He Loves You and Me" (Sing for Joy, no. 28).

**PRAY** Pray that your home will always be peaceful and happy.

## W E D N E S D A Y

**SHARE** At family worship read and discuss Matthew 18:15-17. Make a list of guidelines for resolving conflicts.

**DO** Cain was a farmer. Find out what the farmers near your town grow.

**DO** If possible, plant some seeds in the garden, or in a container in the house. Water them and watch them grow.

**PRAY** Ask God to forgive you for things you have done wrong.

## THURSDAY

**READ** With your family read Genesis 4:5-8. How did God try to help Cain be less angry? Why didn't God accept Cain's offering?

**DO** Play follow the leader at family worship. Discuss with your family why it is important to follow God's leading. Ask Him to help you follow His leading.

**ASK** Find and count the different fruits and vegetables in your house. Ask your family what their favorite fruits and vegetables are.

## FRIDAY

**READ** For family worship act out the story of Cain and Abel as someone reads it from Genesis 4:1-8.

**DO** Talk about what you have learned about peacemaking this week. Have each person suggest a conflict situation and discuss ways to solve it together.

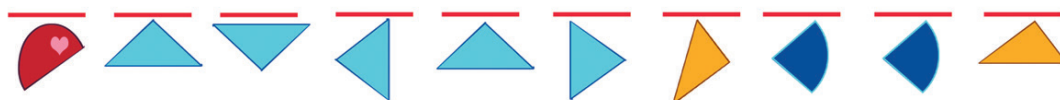
**SHARE** Say your memory verse for the rest of the family.

**PRAY** Pray that you will all be peacemakers.

## Cain and Abel

## PUZZLE

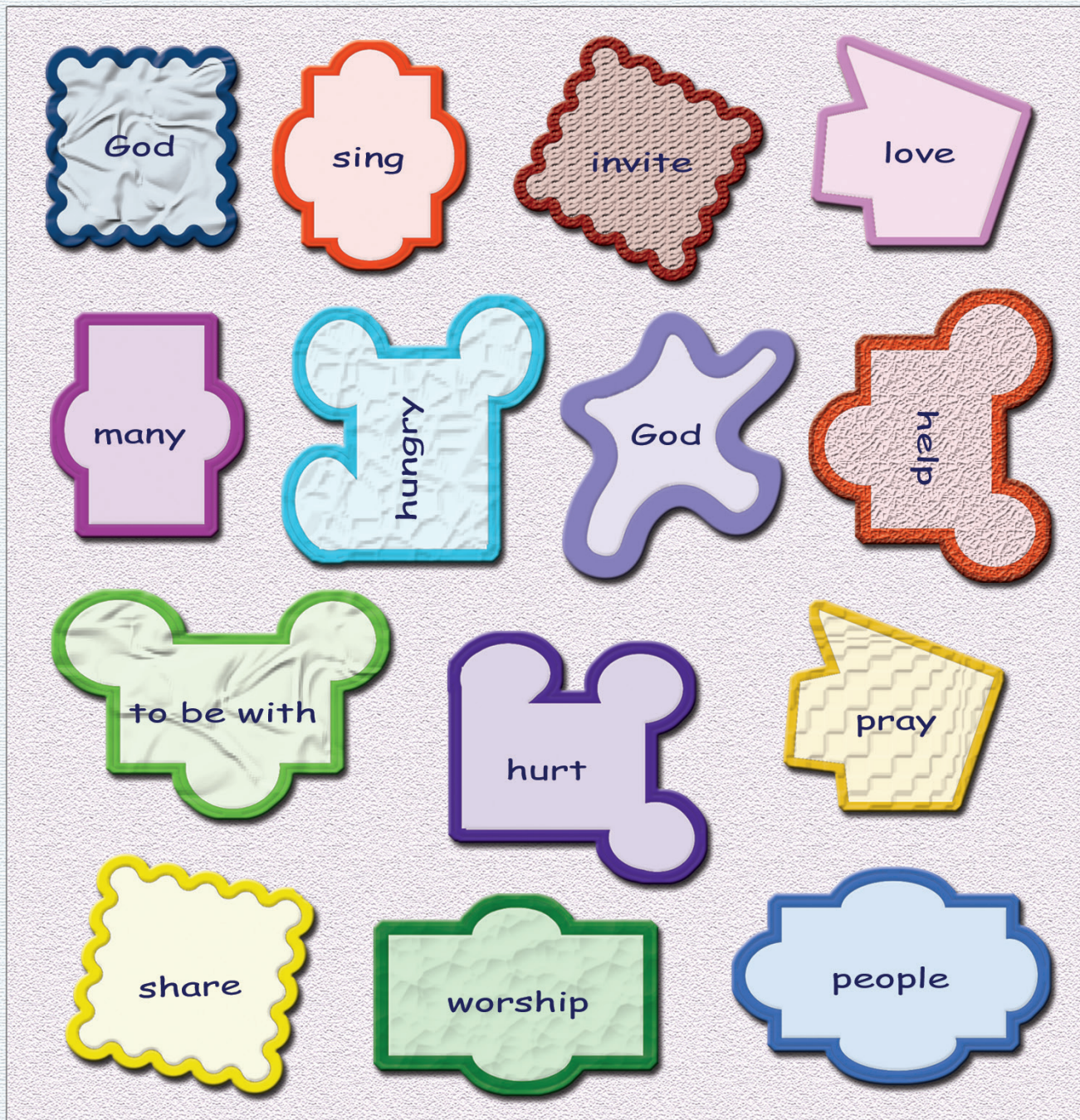
Directions: Match letters from the code to find a lesson for your life.





# Worship

*Directions:* Copy the words from the puzzle pieces into the matching outline to learn how God is present with us.





# God Is Present With Us



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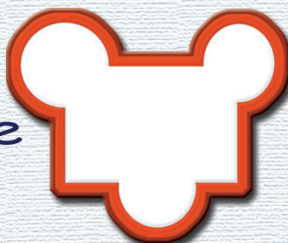
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# Going Home With God

Genesis 5:21-24; Hebrews 11:5-7; Patriarchs and Prophets, pp. 84-89

**D**o you have a best friend? How much time do you spend together? How often do you visit one another's homes? Our story today is about a man who was one of God's best friends.

**E**noch was Adam and Eve's great-great-great-grandson. Like many grandsons he loved to listen to the stories about his family. Adam and Eve probably told him about the beautiful garden they had lived in. They told him how they had sinned. They told him about God's wonderful plan. Enoch listened carefully when they told him that Jesus would die for their sins.

He learned to love God because of what they told him.

When Enoch was 65 years old, his first son was born. He named his son Methuselah. When Enoch became a father, he learned to love God even more. He understood how hard it must have been for God

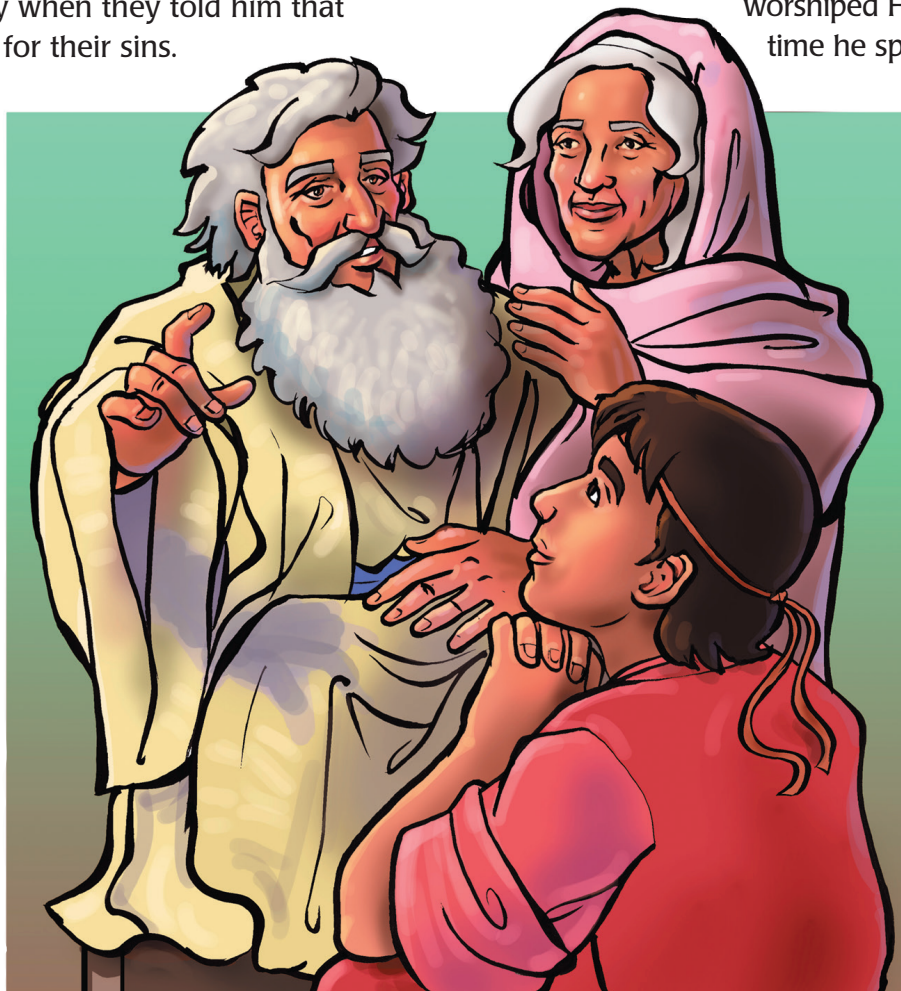
to even think about letting Jesus die for our sins. He thought more and more about God every day. He spent a lot of time talking with God in prayer. And he often slipped away to be alone with God.

Enoch spent time with people too. Good people liked him. But bad people didn't because he told them not to sin. Some people listened to him and stopped sinning. But others didn't care and sinned even more.

Even though Enoch traveled and preached, he constantly talked to God and worshiped Him. The more time he spent with God,

the more he reflected God's love and joy. Enoch loved God so much that he really wanted to live with Him in heaven. Finally, one day God just took Enoch with Him to heaven.

The good people and the bad people who lived around Enoch looked for



## The Message

*We become friends with God when we spend time with Him every day.*

## Memory Verse

*“Enoch walked faithfully with God; then he was no more, because God took him away”*

*(Genesis 5:24, NIV).*

him, but they couldn't find him. They searched everywhere they knew Enoch usually went. But he was in none of those places. He wasn't coming back to live on earth.

People missed Enoch after he was gone. When they finally figured out that he was with God, their faith was strengthened. Good people knew two things: one, that they, too, could worship God in a wicked world. And, two, people who worshiped and obeyed God would go to heaven. The bad people knew a couple things too: one, that they should obey God and worship Him. And, two, that unless they

changed, sadness and death would be waiting for them at the end of their lives.

Which group would you like to belong to?





## S A B B A T H



Take a prayer walk with your family. Pray for the people you meet and who live in the houses you pass. When you go home, read your lesson together.



Trace around each family member's feet. Cut out the footprints and mount them on a large piece of paper. Write at the top "Walking With God." Ask each person to sign their footprint as a sign of their commitment to walk with God. Then pray together and ask God to help each one keep that commitment.

Everyone who knew Enoch, both good and bad people, knew that he was an especially good person.



## S U N D A Y



For family worship read and discuss Genesis 5:21-24.



Draw and cut out a shoe shape and write your memory verse on it. Cut it up to make a puzzle. Put the puzzle together every day until you can say the verse without help.



Pray that God will lead you to someone you can tell about Him.

## M O N D A Y



Read 2 Kings 2:11 for family worship. Who else went to heaven to live with God?



Fold a sheet of paper in four equal parts. Open it up and draw or paste pictures of someone you want to pray for.



Make a calendar with squares big enough to write in. Print "Prayer and Bible Study" in each square. Put a check by each day you do both.

## T U E S D A Y



During family worship, remind everyone that Enoch was Adam and Eve's great-great-great-great-grandson. Ask if anyone knows when your great-great-great-great-grandparents lived or who they were.



Ask your family to help you read Genesis 5:1-24. Make a list of each person from Adam to Enoch and tell how long they lived. How long do people live today?



Enoch may have talked to God about his neighbors and family. Read Luke 6:27, 28 to find out who we should pray for.



Sing "Whisper a Prayer" (Sing for Joy, no. 96). Then pray for the people on your prayer list.

## W E D N E S D A Y



During family worship, find out who is the oldest living person in your family. Read Genesis 5:23. How old was Enoch when he went to heaven? How much older was he than the oldest person in your family?



In Hebrews 11 Enoch is called a hero of faith. Read the chapter together. Who else is named there? What do you discover about them?



Pray that you and your family will have great faith as Enoch did.

## T H U R S D A Y

**DO** Try this for family worship. Say: One way to know God is to study the Bible. One way to study is to say these sentences after reading a Bible passage:

1. In this Bible passage I learned . . .
2. In this Bible passage God is saying to me . . .
3. After reading this Bible passage, I want God to help me . . .

Now read the story of Enoch again and then complete the sentences.

**PRAY** Pray that God will give you understanding as you read His Word.

## F R I D A Y

**READ** Read Psalm 139 for family worship. Ask each person to tell about a time they felt that God was with them in a special way.

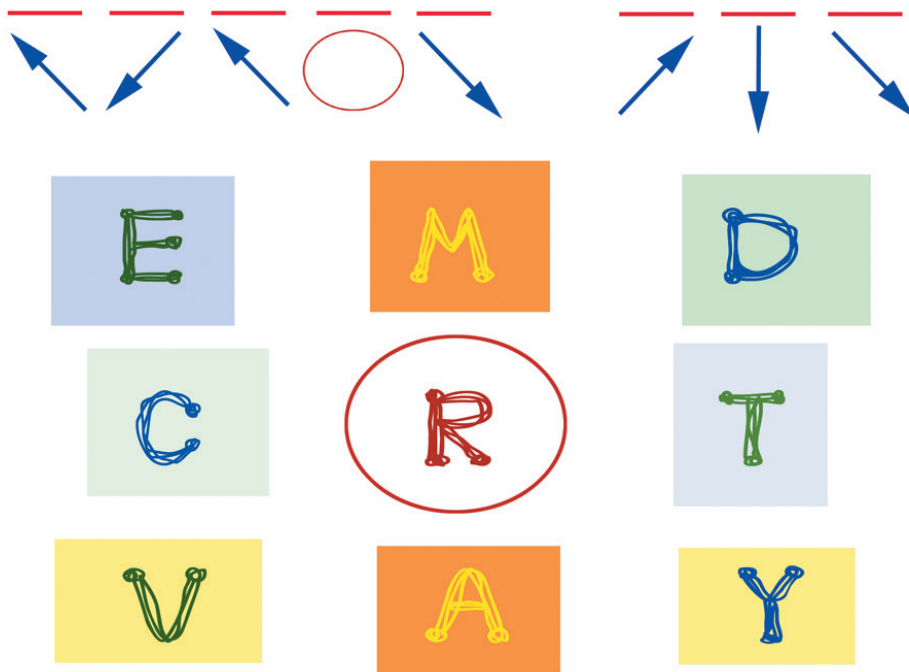
**SING** Sing "Trust in the Lord" (Sing for Joy, no. 111).

**PRAY** Thank God for the Bible, His Word. Ask Him to be with you in a special way as you learn more about Him throughout the Sabbath and the coming week.

Enoch

## PUZZLE

**Directions:** To find out how often Enoch spent time with God, note how other letters are arranged around the circled letter. Match the direction of the arrows from the **R** to find the correct letters.



# 10 Lesson

## A Promise Kept

John 14:1-3; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Revelation 1:7; *The Desire of Ages*, p. 739; *The Great Controversy*, pp. 640-652; *Early Writings*, pp. 13-20

**H**ave you ever thought about what it will be like when Jesus comes back to take us to heaven? Let's take a peek into the future. It's going to happen like this . . .

**W**hen Jesus comes back, He will ride on a cloud and everyone will see Him. Above the cloud will be the most brilliant, colorful rainbow anyone has ever seen. Below it the cloud blazes with fire. Jesus is surrounded by many more angels than we could count—maybe more than one million. Do you know how many one million

is? It's written like this: 1,000,000. That's a big number, isn't it? There are more angels with Jesus than 1,000,000! Jesus is wearing a bright, white robe with a sign that says "King of kings, and Lord of lords" (Revelation 19:16). When He died on the cross, Jesus was wearing a crown made of thorns. Now He is wearing a glittering crown of gold. But that crown isn't as bright as His face. His face is brighter than the sun in the middle of the day. You are so happy to see Him that your face lights up too.

Every ear hears Jesus. When He shouts, "I'm coming!" it sounds like the





## The Message

Jesus loves us so much that He wants us to live with Him forever.

## Memory Verse

“‘Look, he is coming with the clouds,’ and ‘every eye will see him’”

(Revelation 1:7, NIV).

loudest voice you'll ever hear. It'll make you want to listen. A blast of the trumpet follows. Then you hear the sound of a million angels praising God.

As the cloud moves closer, the whole earth shakes. Lightning flashes, thunder rolls (Psalm 50:3, 4). Jesus says to the dead, “Wake up! Get up!” And all God's people who have died rise up and shout praises to Jesus. Adam gets up. Rahab gets up. Daniel gets up. Peter gets up. Mary Magdalene gets up. Everyone has perfect bodies as they rise from the dead, because Jesus changes them in a flash. Angels come to meet them and those who are still alive too. Then they take everyone up to the cloud.

The angels say “Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!” And all the people riding in the cloud shout “Alleluia!” And the cloud moves upward toward the New Jerusalem, the city of God.

Jesus' coming will be a bright, shiny, noisy, happy event. It will be something like a parade, a big family reunion, and a holiday all in one. I want to be there. Don't you?



## S A B B A T H

**DO** This afternoon go outside with your family and look at the clouds. If you look for a while, the clouds will form different shapes. With your family talk about the clouds when Jesus comes.

**THINK** What other Bible stories about clouds can you think of?

**READ** Read your lesson together. Then sing "Jesus Is Coming Again." Thank Jesus that He has promised to return.

## S U N D A Y

**READ** With your family read and discuss Matthew 24. List the things that Jesus said will happen before He returns. Thank Jesus for the signs.

**DO** Look in newspapers and magazines for pictures and headlines that tell about these signs. Paste the pictures onto a large sheet of paper to make a collage. Save this for Friday.

**DRAW** Draw a cloud and write your memory verse on it. Cover up one more word each time you read it.

## M O N D A Y

**DO** Use this code to find out what we will do to be ready for Jesus to come. The code: ✂A ✂B ✂D ✓E ♦H ●I ☼L ▼P ✂R ☼T ☼Y

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**SHARE** Use a book to find out more about clouds. Share your findings with your family at worship time.

**SING** Sing "Jesus Is Coming Again" (Sing for Joy, no. 92) together; then pray that you and your family will be ready to meet Jesus.

Jesus' second coming will end sin and death forever. It will begin eternity for the people who love Him.



## T U E S D A Y

**DO** When Jesus returns, He will wear a crown. Make a crown and write on it "I belong to Jesus." Wear it during family worship.

**READ** Read and discuss Matthew 16:27 and Matthew 24:30, 31 for family worship. When Jesus comes, who will be with Him?

**DO** Teach your memory verse to your family.

**PRAY** Thank Jesus for all of our blessings.

## W E D N E S D A Y

**DO** During family worship ask everyone to help write a letter to Jesus. Tell Him how much you want to be with Him when He comes.

**READ** Read together David's psalm of praise in Psalm 145:1-5, 21.

**DO** Write a family psalm of praise during worship. Include all the things you are thankful for.

## THURSDAY

**READ** With your family read and discuss 1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17. Who will join Jesus in the clouds? What wakes up the dead? Can you make the noise of a trumpet? Try to find some trumpet music to listen to.

**DRAW** Draw a clock or make one out of a paper plate. Instead of numbers write **SECOND COMING**. Draw the hands of the clock pointing to midnight to show that Jesus is coming soon.

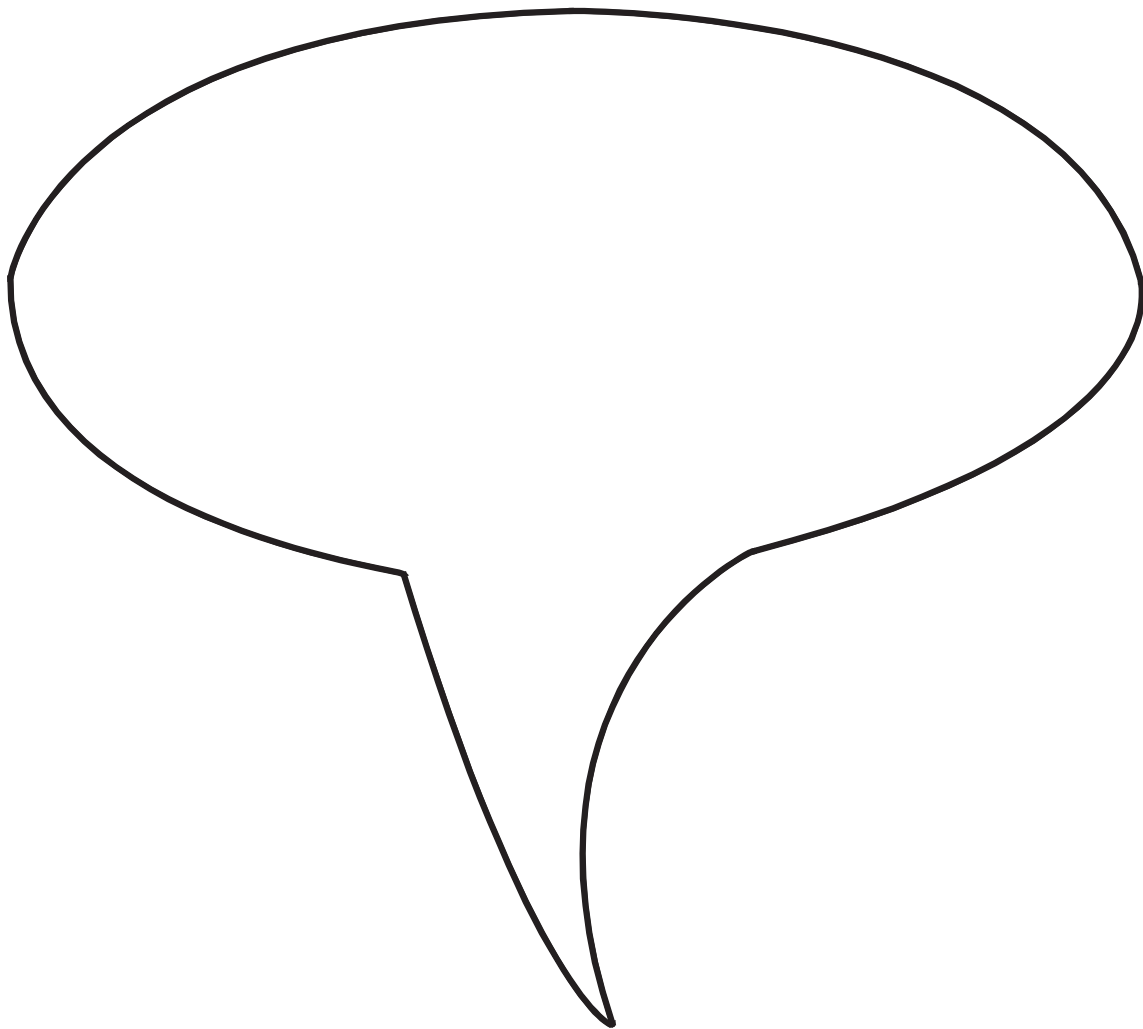
**PRAY** Pray that Jesus will come soon.

## FRIDAY

**SHARE** During family worship show the collage you made earlier this week. Talk about the signs that tell you that Jesus is coming soon.

**DO** At the bottom of the collage write, "I want to be ready to meet Jesus." Ask each member of the family to sign the collage.

**SING** Sing songs about Jesus' coming. Pray that He will come soon, and that your family will be ready.





# 11 Lesson

## A Great Family Reunion

Revelation 21:1-6; Isaiah 11:1-9; *The Great Controversy*, pp. 674, 675; *Early Writings*, pp. 13-20

**H**ave you ever seen a lion in the zoo? Would you like to get in the same cage? When we get to heaven, lions will be as tame as kittens and will sleep with the sheep and lambs. What will it be like to be there?

**W**hen the chariot-cloud with Jesus, the angels, and the redeemed from earth arrives in heaven, Jesus says, "The battle is over. You are blessed by My Father. I've prepared this place for you from the beginning. Enjoy it; it's yours." Everyone streams in through the gates. They see people they haven't seen in years. They see people they have only heard or read about. They shout happily to each other: "I'm glad you're here!" "Look who's here!" "I knew you would be here!" People hug each other. Jesus sits on His throne smiling at all the happy people.

Suddenly another happy shout rings out. Adam enters the city. Jesus stands and stretches out His arms

to him. Adam sees the scars on Jesus' hands. Instead of going into Jesus' arms, he falls down at Jesus' feet. He cries, "Worthy, worthy is the Lamb that was killed for my sins!"

Jesus lifts him up and says, "Look around you, Adam."

Adam recognizes the place right away. He sees his old home, the Garden of Eden. But it is even more beautiful than when he lived there. Adam walks among the trees where he used to gather fruit. He smells the flowers he used to pick. He touches the vines he used to train.

Animals come up to him. He sees wolves and lambs playing together. All the animals are so gentle even little children play with them. Goats and leopards, calves and colts, and lions and bear cubs nap together. They all eat the same kind of food. No more eating each other! Jesus leads

Adam to the Tree of Life. He picks a piece of fruit and says, "This is for you to eat, Adam." Adam



## The Message

Jesus wants us to live with Him forever in a happy, safe place.

looks at all the people in the crowd standing in the new Eden. They are his children, grandchildren, and great-great-great-great-great-grandchildren. They all belong to his family. He is so happy that Jesus has saved all these people. He places his crown at Jesus' feet. Finally, he enters Jesus' arms.



## Memory Verse

“ ‘[God] will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away”

(Revelation 21:4, NIV).

Then Adam leads his family in singing, “Worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lamb that died for my sins, and lives again!” All the people take off their crowns and lay them at Jesus' feet. They bow deeply before Him. When they rise, they wave their palm branches in praise and shout “Alleluia!” The angels join in their song of praise. “Alleluia, Alleluia!” rings throughout heaven. Everyone is happy to be with Jesus.

## S A B B A T H

**DO** If possible, go for a walk with your family. List the animals and birds you see. What are their natural enemies here? Can you imagine what it will be like in heaven when they will no longer be enemies and will get along with each other?

**ASK** As you walk, ask your family what they would like to do when they get to heaven. Find a quiet place and read your lesson together.

**PRAY** Thank Jesus that He died to make it possible for you all to live with Him.

## S U N D A Y

**DO** During family worship, find out five facts about wolves and five about sheep. Why are they enemies? Look up Isaiah 11:6. What will happen in heaven?

**DO** Pretend to be the animals mentioned in Isaiah 11:6, 7. See how many your family can guess.

**PRAY** Thank Jesus that heaven is a safe place.

**DO** Write the memory verse on paper clouds. Write a few words on each cloud. Mix up the clouds; then unscramble them. Do this several times.

## M O N D A Y

**READ** Read and discuss Revelation 21:1-6 during family worship.

**DO** Using the letters in the word HEAVEN, list as many things that you can think about heaven that begin with each letter. For example: H is for Happy, Hippo, Health.

**DO** Teach your memory verse to your family. Name some family or friends who are very sick or have died. Will they be sick in heaven?

**PRAY** Thank Jesus that there will be no sadness in heaven.

In  
eternity we  
will never be bored. We will  
never run out of things to see  
and learn.



## T U E S D A Y

**READ** Give a drink of water to everyone during family worship. Say that Jesus offers the water of life to everyone. Read and discuss Revelation 21:4. Imagine no more tears, no pain, no death. What jobs will not be needed in heaven?

**PRAY** Thank Jesus for good water and for the "Water of Life."

## W E D N E S D A Y

**READ** Read and discuss Revelation 21:2 during family worship. What does the Bible mean when it says "beautiful like a bride"?

**DO** Write (or ask an adult to help you write) a letter to Jesus. Thank Him for His invitation to heaven. Tell Him what you are looking forward to. Ask any questions you might have. Share your letter during family worship.



## THURSDAY

**READ** For family worship read and discuss Revelation 21:5. What does Jesus say about everything He has told John? Make up some true or false questions about heaven. See if your family can tell which are true and which are false.

**THINK** Think of what you do when you have a friend visit you. Will your time in heaven be just a visit? What do you think Jesus is doing to prepare a place for you?

**DO** Make a list of people you want to meet in heaven. Tell why you want to see them.

## FRIDAY

**DO** Today we welcome the Sabbath. This is a special day to spend with Jesus. Help your family get ready for Sabbath.

**READ** Read and discuss Revelation 21:3 during family worship. Who lives in the city?

**SING** Sing songs of praise to God at family worship.

**PRAY** Thank God for His special day, for His love, and for His promise of heaven.

## Heaven

## PUZZLE

**Directions:** Write the letters with matching symbols on the lines below. Unscramble the letters to find words that describe heaven.



1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9



1 2 3 4



1 2 3 4 5

A



B



E



F



H



I



L



P



S



T



U



Y



# Lesson 12

## Swim, Climb, and Fly!

Revelation 22:1-5, 12-14; The Great Controversy, pp. 675-678, Early Writings, pp. 13-20

**W**hen you have been outside on a hot day, a big, cool glass of water tastes wonderful. Now read about a river whose clear water gives life to all who drink it.

**R**emember Adam and the great family reunion in heaven? Jesus gave Adam a piece of fruit from the Tree of Life. That was just one of 12 different kinds that grow on the tree. Unlike trees on earth, the Tree of Life gives a different fruit every month. The leaves are useful too. The Bible says the leaves help heal all of us who have joined Jesus in heaven.

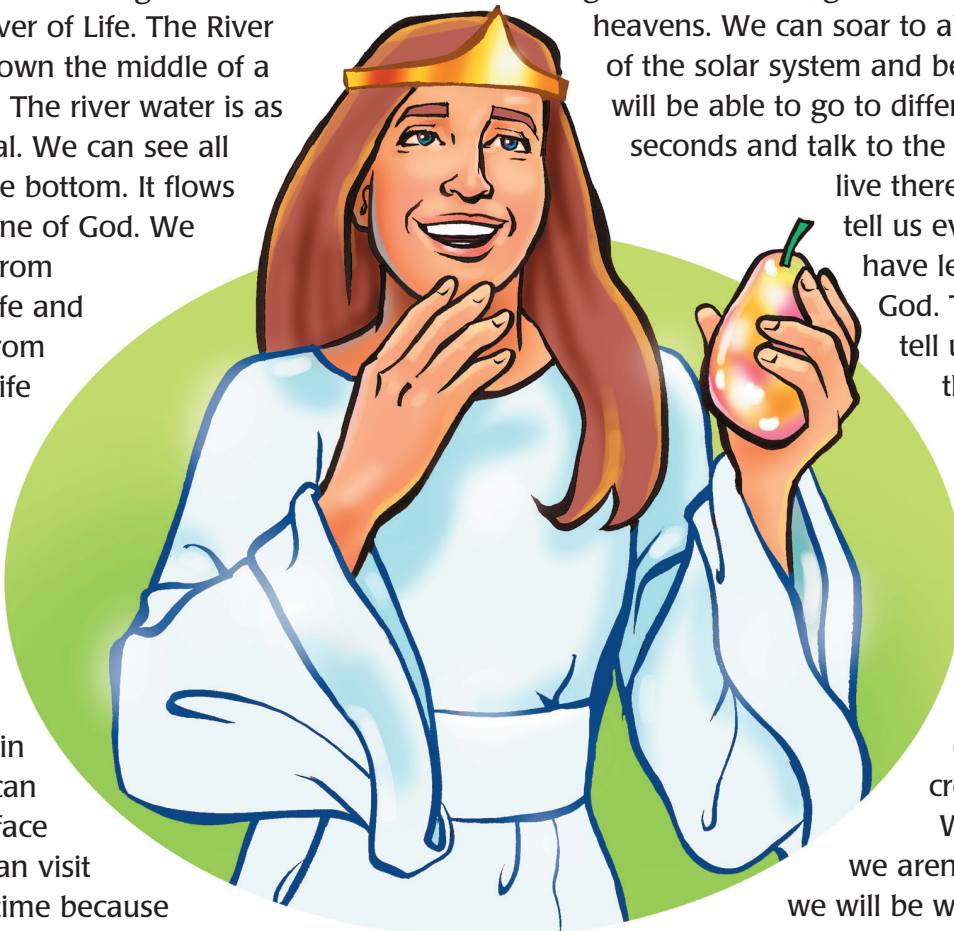
This wonderful tree grows on each side of the River of Life. The River of Life runs down the middle of a golden street. The river water is as clear as crystal. We can see all the way to the bottom. It flows from the throne of God. We can eat fruit from the Tree of Life and drink water from the River of Life forever. The river will never dry up. The tree will never die.

God and Jesus sit on their thrones in heaven. We can talk to them face to face. We can visit them at any time because

there is no night. No night means there is no darkness. The light from God's glory makes everything bright. We won't need lamps or candles or even the sun! And we will never get tired. We won't have to take naps or even go to bed! Every minute in heaven is like morning.

We will spend some of our time learning new things. But not in the same way as on earth. Our brains will be perfect so we can understand and remember well. Jesus will teach us new things.

We will do everything we ever wanted to—swim in the deepest water, climb the highest mountains, go to the highest heavens. We can soar to all the planets of the solar system and beyond. We will be able to go to different worlds in seconds and talk to the people who live there. They will tell us everything they have learned about God. They will tell us how they watched everyone and everything that happened on earth from the beginning of our creation. When we aren't traveling, we will be working. But



## The Message

God has prepared wonderful things  
for us to enjoy throughout eternity.

## Memory Verse

“The angel showed me  
the river of the water of  
life, as clear as crystal,  
flowing from the throne  
of God and of the Lamb”

(Revelation 22:1, NIV).

our work will be enjoyable. We won't get sore muscles. We won't get hurt.

We will enjoy rose bushes without thorns. We will walk through places that bloom with beautiful flowers and flow with sparkling streams. We will run through forests without dangerous creatures. Flowers will never die. Leaves will never fall off trees.

In heaven, no one will be sad. No one will be sick. No one cries. No one dies. We will never have to be separated from our best friends or our favorite cousins. Every day will be like a family reunion or the first day of school after vacation. And best of all, Jesus will be with us every second. We can ask Him all the questions we ever wanted to. We have all the time in the world to learn more about His love for us. And we will have all the time in the world to praise Him. To tell Him how

much we love Him.  
Wouldn't you  
like that?





## S A B B A T H

**READ** If possible, go for a walk with your family by a river and discover how many kinds of trees you can see. See how many different fruits you can name. Find a quiet place and read your lesson together.

**DO** Cut out 26 leaves. Write one word of the memory verse on each leaf. Mix them up. Then see if you can put them in the right order.

**PRAY** Say a prayer of thanks for the trees you see today.

## M O N D A Y

**READ** With your family read and discuss Revelation 22:1, 2. Draw a picture of three things the angel showed John. Ask your family about the water of life.

**THINK** What happens if we do not drink water? Find out how long a person can live without water.

**DO** List all the ways you use water in your home. Thank God for clear, clean water.

## W E D N E S D A Y

**THINK** How many Bible stories about trees can you think of? Make a list.

**DO** In a small pot, plant a fruit seed or a seed you find from another tree. Water it faithfully and see how long it takes to grow.

**READ** With your family read and discuss Matthew 7:15-20. How are you like a tree?

**PRAY** Pray that God will help you do only right things so you are like a tree with good fruit.

## S U N D A Y

**DO** For worship today find ten things you will not need in heaven. Place them on a table or on the floor. Ask your family to guess what they have in common.

**SHARE** Fix a glass of water for each member of your family. Tell them about the River of Life.

**THINK** What are the main rivers in your country?

**PRAY** Thank God for the rivers, for rain, and for water you have to drink.

## T U E S D A Y

**READ** With your family read Revelation 22:2. Make a picture of the Tree of Life. What is so special about its trunk?

**DO** Make a bark rubbing by putting a piece of paper over the trunk of a tree and rubbing a crayon over it. Notice the bark on several trees. Are all trees alike?

**PRAY** Thank God for variety in nature.

## T H U R S D A Y

**DO** Draw and cut out 12 different kinds of fruit. Ask your mother for a clothes hanger or find a twig outside. Punch a little hole at the top of each fruit. Thread a short piece of yarn through each hole and tie a knot. Hang the fruits on the hanger to make a mobile. Show your mobile to your family during worship. Ask them to name each fruit and tell which they like best.

**READ** During family worship, read Psalm 1:1-3. What does this teach your family?

**PRAY** Thank God for the wonderful fruits He has created.

## F R I D A Y

**DO** Ask your parent if you may make a fruit salad for supper. As your family eats it, name some of the different fruits you think the Tree of Life might have.

**ASK** Ask your family to tell something they remember about the Tree of Life and the River of Life. Who wants to see them? Who wants to eat and drink from them?

**READ** For family worship read and discuss Revelation 21:1-4, 22-25. What did you learn?

**PRAY** Say your memory verse together. Then ask God to help your family to be ready when Jesus comes back.











In  
eternity we will  
love spending time with Jesus and  
worshiping Him.



## Tree of Life; River of Life

## PUZZLE

Directions: Write the word on the line below each picture.

Then the  showed me the  of the  of life, as clear  
as  , flowing from the  of God and of the   
down the middle of the great  of the  .  
On each side of the  stood the  of life.

# Lesson 13

## Praise Him!

Revelation 5:11-13; 7:9-17 (see also Psalm 84:1-4; Psalm 100; Psalm 150);  
The Great Controversy, pp. 649, 671; Early Writings, pp. 13-20

**W**hat is your favorite song that tells about God's love? How do you feel when you sing it? When we get to heaven, we will sing our favorite songs to praise God. What song will you sing? Who will sing with you?

**H**eaven is full of happiness and songs of praise to God. Everyone loves God so much, they just want to praise Him. The angels love Him. The people Jesus brought back from the earth are so happy to be there. And people from other worlds all join their voices in praise.

One special group praises God more than any other. They are called the remnant. *Remnant* means the rest or the part that remains. These are the people

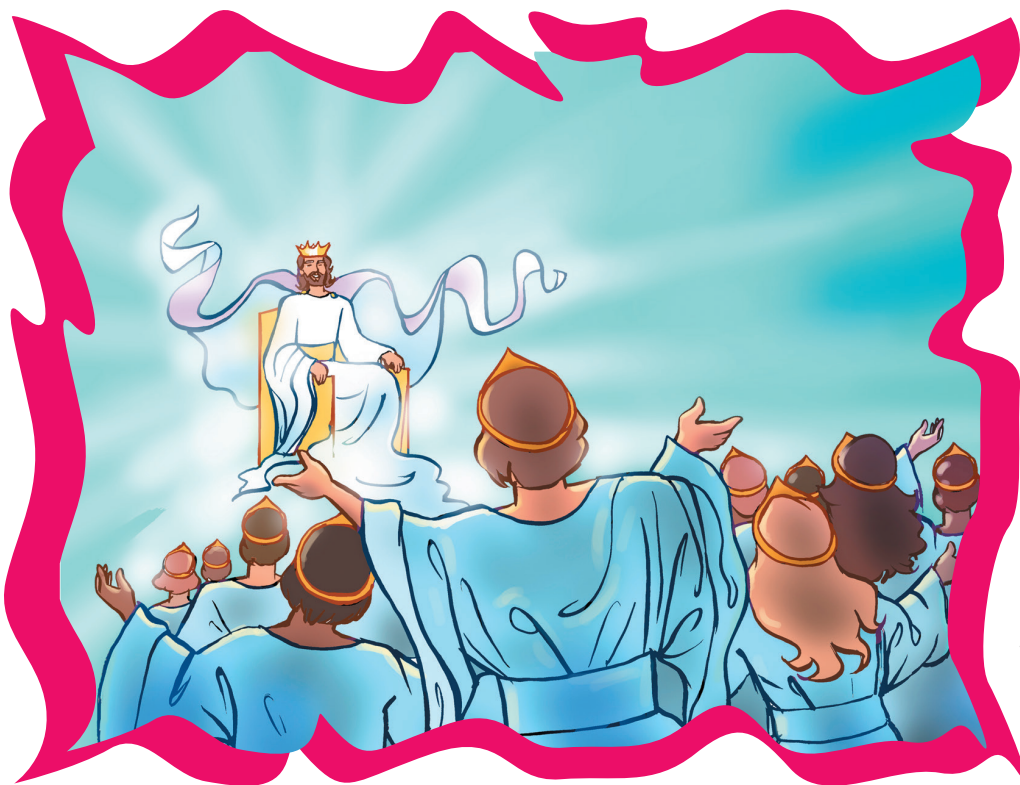
who were alive and waiting for Jesus when He came to earth the second time.

The remnant is special because God's enemies—Satan and his followers on earth—tried to make them stop worshiping God. But the remnant remained faithful. Just before Jesus came to take them to heaven, they felt very lonely. But like Jesus, the remnant believed God loved them. So they continued to wait for Jesus to come.

Now that they are in heaven, the remnant give special praises to Jesus. They stand in front of His throne so they can praise Him. They praise Him with their harps and other instruments. They sing praise songs. The Bible promises that God will teach them a special song. A song that only they will be able to

sing because they were faithful until Jesus came. Just think! God has written a special song for those who are faithful to Him!

The remnant praise Him because they know bad things won't happen anymore. They praise Him because they know how good God is. They praise God because He sent Jesus to die for their sins. They praise Jesus because He lived and died for them. They





## The Message

*We will sing songs of praise to God now and throughout eternity.*

## Memory Verse

*"Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.*

*Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs"*

*(Psalm 100:1, 2, NIV).*

join with all of creation to sing, "Let everything praise the Lord."

Yes, we can praise God on earth today. The Bible tells us that we are not alone in praising God. Thousands of angels worship God all the time. Their favorite praise is about Jesus, God's gift of grace to the world. They say with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who died for people's sins. He receives power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" (See Revelation 5:12.)

The angels and others are waiting for us to get to heaven. They want us to join in their praise. But we don't have to wait until we get there. We can praise God now. We can praise Him because Jesus died for our sins. We can praise Him because Jesus is coming back to take us home to heaven. We can praise Him for our parents, teachers, friends, and relatives. We can praise Him for our homes, food, and clothing. Think of other reasons to praise God. And sing your favorite praise song now!



## S A B B A T H

**SING** If possible, go for a walk with your family. Name things you see for which to praise God. Stop and sing some praise songs.

**DO** When you get home, make a list of everyone's favorite praise songs. Plan to sing them during worship this week.

**PRAY** Thank God for the things you saw on your walk.

## M O N D A Y

**READ** With your family, read and discuss Revelation 15:2, 3. Who is this special group of people? For what are they praising God? Ask your family: Why is this group called *the remnant*? Look up the word *remnant* in the dictionary. Tell your family what it means.

**SING** Sing a praise song together; then praise God because He will never leave His people alone.

## S U N D A Y

**READ** With your family, find the book of Revelation in the Bible. Look in the first chapter to discover who wrote it. Read and discuss Revelation 5:11, 12. How many angels does it say are praising God? What did they say?

**DO** Pour some salt into a dish. Is it possible to count the grains? Could John have felt like that when he saw all the angels?

**DRAW** Draw an angel. Write your memory verse around the edge of your picture.

## T U E S D A Y

**DO** Hold page 61 in front of a mirror and discover the name of someone in the Bible who wrote many songs of praise to God.

**READ** During family worship read and discuss Psalm 100. Find at least four words that tell something to praise God for.

**ASK** Ask each person to write a psalm of praise and share them.

**PRAY** Praise God that you have a Bible to read.

**SING** Sing praise songs from your family's list.

## T H U R S D A Y

**DRAW** Draw a circle and make it into a happy face. Draw another circle and make it into a sad face. With your family make a list of reasons you have to be happy. Make another list of things that make you sad. Which do you want to get rid of?

**READ** Read Revelation 15:3 together. What is the name of the song that the remnant sings? Look up Exodus 15:1-18 and read Moses' song. When did he sing it? Can you think of a time when your family felt that God saved them?

**PRAY** Praise God for His protection.

## W E D N E S D A Y

**SING** Teach your memory verse to your family. Sing some of your favorite praise songs.

**READ** During family worship read Psalm 100 again. Ask each family member to write a sentence of praise to put into a family psalm of praise. Make the first and last sentences say "Praise the Lord!" Put your family's sentences in the middle. Then read the psalm aloud. Put it where all can see it every day.

# F R I D A Y

**SHARE** Share your lesson with your family during worship. When it mentions "praise," stand up and clap your hands. Ask your family to do that too.

**READ** Read your family's psalm of praise together.

**SING** Sing some of your favorite praise songs together, and review your memory verse.

**PRAY** Praise God for the beginning of His special day—the Sabbath.

Music is a part of God's celebrations. Angels sang when Jesus was born, when He was raised from the dead, and when He returned to heaven.

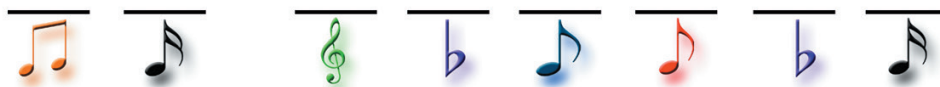


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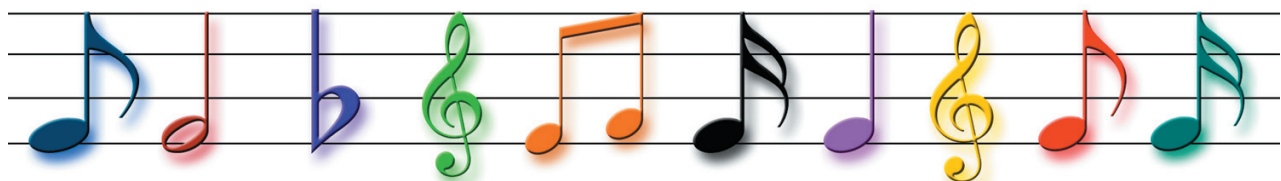
**Songs of Praise**

## PUZZLE

**Directions:** Match the symbols with the coded message to discover when you can sing praises to God.

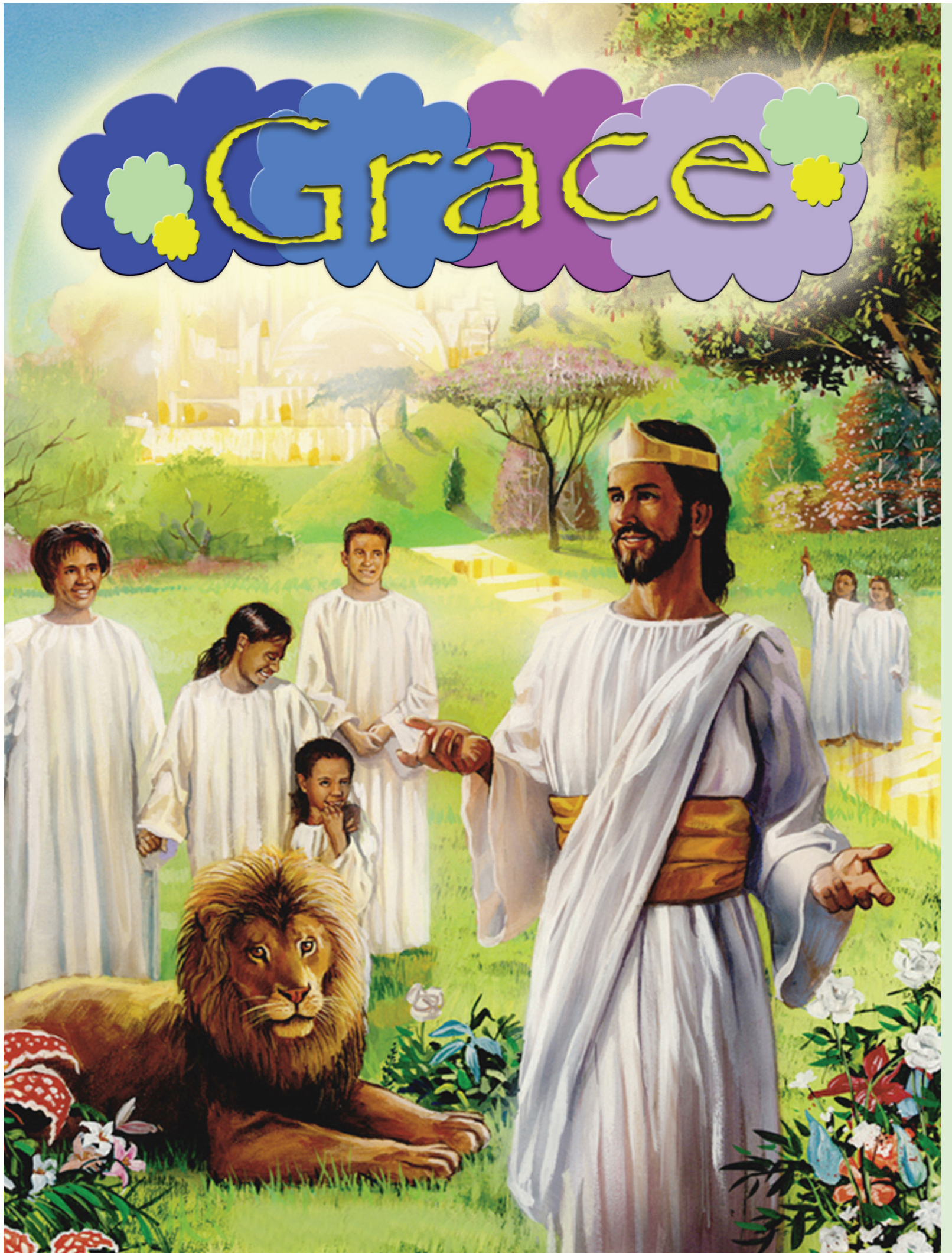


A D E H I N O T V Y





# Grace





# Eternity With Jesus

*Directions:* Use the *Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal* to locate some song numbers that praise Jesus. The number following the hymn number is the word from the title that should be copied into the boxes. The highlighted boxes spell a special word that describes how long we will be with Jesus.

Hymn 420,  
word #1

Hymn 524,  
word #5

Hymn 190,  
word #1

Hymn 186,  
word #4

Hymn 426,  
word #5

Hymn 542,  
word #4

Hymn 618,  
word #1

Hymn 194,  
word #6